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## Shultz criticises PLO threats

PARIS, Jan 6, (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday a threat attributed to the PLO that backers of an Israeli-Palestinian truce risked assassination did not square well with the organisation's recent renunciation of terrorism.

Renunciation of terrorism was a key condition laid down by the United States for its recent opening of a dialogue with the PLO.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat met US conditions last month by renouncing terrorism and declaring he recognised Israel's right to exist.

Shultz, speaking to reporters on his plane on the way to Paris for a chemical weapons conference, said he had not yet seen a text of the statement.

Calmer

He said there was a difference between terrorism and the Palestinian uprising against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But he said: "Threats against people who try to move in a calmer and more peaceful direction are acts of intimidation and fall much more into the terrorist category."

A statement attributed to Arafat and broadcast by Radio Monte Carlo on Monday said: "Any Palestinian leader who proposes an end to the intifada (uprising) exposes himself to the bullets of his own people and endangers his life. The PLO will know how to deal with him."

The statement appeared to be directed at the Mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Frej, and prompted him to retract a call for a truce in the uprising.

Shultz said that in two recent meetings between US Ambassador to Tunisia Robert Pelletreau and PLO officials, the United States stressed the importance of stopping terrorism.

Shultz said Washington would be closely watching the PLO's actions to see if they matched Arafat's words.

## Cause of blast a mystery Saudi tanker split in half after explosion

MANAMA, Bahrain, Jan 6, (Agencies): The Saudi Arabian tanker Sagheera, with six crewmen killed in a mystery explosion that may have been caused by a drifting mine in the Strait of Hormuz, was reported today to have broken in two, with the stern section sunk.

Shipping executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Greek captain of the 36,904-ton vessel was among those killed in the explosion in the southern end of the Gulf yesterday. Two other men were listed as missing.

They said 26 members of the crew made up of Greek officers and Sri Lankan seamen were rescued from lifeboats by the Omani Coast Guard helicopters yesterday.

Ripped

The Sagheera, managed by Fujairah Bunkering Company, was ripped by an explosion, as it was sailing empty into the storm-whipped strait, en route for the Saudi port of Mina Saud. The blast started a fire aboard the tanker.

Shipping sources said the vessel later split in two and that one of two salvage tugs that went to aid the blazing tanker was towing the bow section in the Gulf of Oman toward the Omani coast.

The London-based Lloyd's shipping intelligence unit, which monitors shipping traffic around the world, reported an explosion in the tanker's pump-room before it caught fire.

It did not say what could have caused the blast.

The managers of the Sagheera said a mine was the most likely cause of the blast and military sources in Europe said mines laid elsewhere in the Iran-Iraq war could have drifted into the area.

Blast

But a Dutch Navy spokesman said photographs of the fuel oil tanker showed blasted metal curling outwards, suggesting an internal explosion rather than a mine.

Dutch Navy spokesman Willem Geneste said in a telephone interview: "Photos of the ship after the blast show the metal on the spot of the explosion curled outward and this suggests the explosion came from within and was thus not caused by a mine."

One shipping company executive in the Gulf said: "Fuel oil does not explode. Either (the ship) hit a mine or some gases which might have accumulated in the tanks somehow ignited."

US Navy officers have been warning for weeks that winter storms could tear mines, laid during the Iran-Iraq war, loose from their moorings, leaving them to drift into shipping lanes.

Winds were gusting at more than 30 miles an hour (50 kilometres an hour) in the Gulf yesterday, with waves as high as 30 feet (10 metres).

Operations

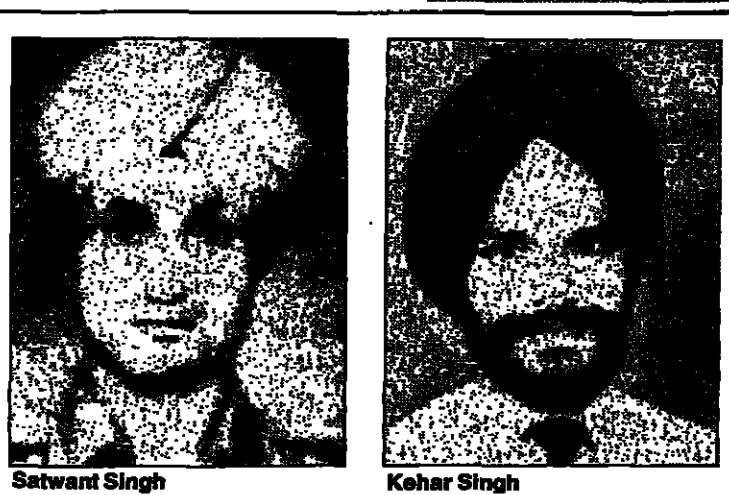
The US Navy has estimated as many as 200 mines were still believed to be in the Gulf, mainly in northern waters, despite mine sweeping operations by the US and other navies in the strategic waterway.

Several vessels were hit by mines during the war before fighting was halted Aug 20 when a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect.

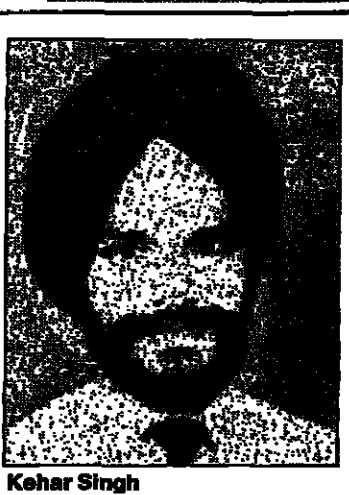
No ship has been confirmed to have hit a mine since the ceasefire began.

The Sagheera was one of more than 500 ships attacked during the so-called "tanker war," an offshoot of the Gulf conflict in which both sides raided merchant vessels in the waterway.

The Saudi vessel was hit by Iranian gunboats April 4 last year, but suffered only minor damages and none of its crewmen was hurt. It was not known whether the Sagheera was manned by the same crew yesterday.



Satwant Singh



Kehar Singh



Jasbir Kaur (right) wife of Kehar Singh and son Rajinder (left) shout anti-government slogans. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Threats of reprisals

## Sikh killers of Indira hanged

NEW DELHI, Jan 6, (Reuters): The convicted killers of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were hanged today with a defiant Sikh battery on their lips as Indian security forces stood ready for retaliation by Sikh extremists.

"Jo bole so nihal, sat Sri Akal" (blessed is he who says truth is God) cried Satwant Singh, 24, and Kehar Singh, 34, as hanged in Delhi's Tihar jail placed black hoods over their heads. They went to the gallows simultaneously.

Police in Punjab said two unexploded bombs were found in rubbish bins in the industrial city Ludhiana, three buses were burned and at least four people died violently.

By Punjab standards, where some 2,500 people died in the Sikh separatist campaign last year, violence in the northern state was less than normal.

Prevented

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## MIGs were armed, Americans claim

## Kuwait condemns US downing of Libyan jets

KUWAIT, Jan 6, (Agencies): Kuwait and other Arab countries condemned the US downing of two Libyan jets, as the United States said the MIGs were armed and hostile.

A Kuwait Foreign Ministry statement said: "... This dangerous act comes at a time when all powers in the world are seeking a breakthrough in international relations and movement towards a period of world peace."

"Kuwait condemns this aggression and supports its brother the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in its right to defend itself by legitimate means."

A "serious incident" of the kind which erupted over the Mediterranean should be taken as a "direct threat to peace in the region," the statement said.

Saudi Arabia said it regrets the incident and called for restraint.

The US says a dramatic videotape taken from a Navy F-14 jet proves that the two Libyan MIG-23 fighters were armed and acting in a hostile manner when they were destroyed by US planes on Wednesday.

Libya says its aircraft were unarmed and on a routine patrol.

Flash

The high-speed videotape and blown-up still photographs, released last night, showed a Libyan fighter exploding in a flash of fire and black smoke when hit by a missile over the Mediterranean north of the Libyan coast.

The videotape, taken by one of two F-14 fighters from the carrier John F. Kennedy, did not clearly indicate if the MIGs were armed.

But blown-up still photographs made from the tape and released by the US Defence Department showed shapes under the wings and body of one Soviet-built MIG which the Pentagon said were Soviet-built Aphid and Apex air-to-air missiles.

The seven and a half minute tape was flown back to the US with the two-man crew of one of the F-14 jets yesterday.

The tape only briefly showed the Libyan jets visually. But it included the sounds of dramatic conversation between the US aircrews as they evaded what they said were repeated attempts by the Libyans to position their jets in a threatening manner.

In his first statement on the incident, President Reagan said the US aircraft responded to an apparent attack.

"Our pilots acted completely in self defence," Reagan said as he boarded Air Force One in Los Angeles at the end of a New Year's vacation.

Property

Asked whether the pilots acted properly, he said, "yes," and added that the situation they faced was "very obviously a hostile threat."

As to Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khaddafi's charge that the US was engaged in terrorism, Reagan said: "I haven't believed what he said for a long time."

Also yesterday, the US government said it had contacted Libya over the incident through diplomatic channels but had not received a response.

At the United Nations, Security Council debate on the issue was to resume today after a series of charges and counter-charges between the two countries yesterday.

Libyan Ambassador Ali Sami Muntasser, who sought the urgent meeting, said the Libyan planes were unarmed and on an innocent reconnaissance mission when shot down.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State George Shultz was in Paris for an international conference on chemical weapons that begins tomorrow. Shultz said he planned to take up the issue of the Libyan chemical plant with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on Sunday.

Shultz said the US has given the Soviets some of the information that led US analysts to be "quite comfortable" about accusing Libya on producing chemical weapons at the plant. But, he said, "so far as I know, we have not convinced them."

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## WEATHER

Weather will continue with light to moderate north-westerly winds.

Sea: slight to moderate

Temperature: 10.30 am, 10.40 pm

Humidity: 6.15 am, 5.30 pm

Wind: 4.15 am

Pressure: 5.05 pm

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 17°C 55°F

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Minimum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 47 per cent

Abu Dhabi: 45 per cent

Falaka: 55 per cent

## Israeli killed in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 6, (Reuters): Jewish settlers expressed anger today over the killing of an Israeli taxi-driver whose body was found in the occupied West Bank.

As security forces combed Palestinian villages for suspects, police said they were still unsure whether the man, Shimon Edri, 41, of Petah Tikva, was killed for criminal or political reasons.

Edri, who had a criminal record, was shot twice in the chest. His body was found last night by a road near the Jewish settlement of Yakir. He was buried today.

"This is the gravest act of all," Zvi Endel, a Jewish settlement leader in the occupied Gaza Strip, told Israeli Radio. "Even if it is not a political, terrorist (murder), it still appears that Jews can be killed more easily than in the past."

Strike

Endel said he was speaking for settlement leaders on hunger strike for three weeks outside the prime minister's office to protest the lack of security in the occupied territories since an anti-Israeli Palestinian uprising erupted in December 1987.

Fourteen Israelis, two of them Jewish settlers, have died in the revolt against Israeli military rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 356 Palestinians have been killed.

The Army said it closed off the area, 25 km (16 miles) southwest of Nablus.

Yosef Fares, police spokesman in the West Bank's Samaria district, did not rule out a criminal motive. He suggested Jews might have murdered Edri and dumped his body in the West Bank to pin suspicion on Palestinians.

## Fighting could resume, warns Iraq

## Iran is massing troops: Saddam

BAGHDAD, Jan 6, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein accused Iran today of massing troops along the border with Iraq and said they could spark renewed Gulf war fighting following an August ceasefire.

"We warn Iranian rulers (against) mobilising troops at our borders or repeating threats to resume the war to achieve political aims," Saddam said in an Army Day television and radio broadcast.

"We will not deal with (the troops) as a political ploy but as a real threat and real readiness to resume the aggression and war," he said.

Measures

Iraq would consider taking measures in self-defence, he said. The Aug 20 UN-brokered ceasefire has been marred so far by only minor reports of violations by both sides.

Saddam, appearing in civilian clothes for the first time on Army Day since the war began in 1980, said Iran was flouting UN Resolution 598 calling for peace and was responsible for lack of progress in peace talks.

He urged the international community to beware of Iranian intentions.

He repeated Iraq's position that Iran had started the war in Sept 1980 and urged Arab countries, which mostly backed Iraq in the conflict, to continue to show support.

He said the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon had worsened factional divisions there.

Iraq backs the Christian-led government of Michel Aoun against a rival Syrian-backed Muslim administration.

Saddam said the Arab League should ensure that Lebanon held free elections to choose a president.

Attempts

He added that Iraq would support the PLO against what he said were attempts by Syria to blackmail it and influence its decisions.

Referring to a meeting on chemical warfare opening in Paris tomorrow, Saddam said Iraq affirmed its adherence to a 1925 Geneva protocol banning the use of chemical gases.

Saddam said: "Iraq stresses its adherence to the protocol but this moral and legal adherence does not mean that we belittle the components of our national security."

He said Israel possessed nuclear and chemical weapons that could reach many Arab cities, threatening regional security.

"For these basic reasons Iraq will not tolerate issues that might weaken its capability to protect its security when it is faced by an aggression," he said.

Unified

"I call on all Arab countries to adopt a unified stand in this field and at the Paris conference," he said.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, in a message to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said Iraq was ready to receive in Baghdad either him or his representative Jan Eliasson to discuss a resumption of the peace talks.

The message, published by Iraq's news agency INA, said Iraq was to blame for the slow progress in the talks held so far.

Aziz said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who sent a letter to Perez de Cuellar earlier, hoped to negotiate a troop withdrawal independently of the talks.

But he said a withdrawal must be negotiated within the framework of Resolution 598.



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## Temperature drops to -3°C

By Fathima Ahmed

KUWAIT shivered as temperatures fell to minus three degrees Centigrade (27°F) in the desert areas, according to meteorological sources. An average temperature of minus one degree Centigrade (30°F) was recorded in Kuwait City and surrounding suburbs.

The cold spell started on Wednesday and continued till yesterday.

Eye-witnesses reported that ponds in open areas in Jahra had frozen and motorists complained of thick layers of frost on their car windshields.

Kuwait witnessed the coldest winter ever in January 1964 when temperatures fell to -4°C (25°F) in the city area.

Shivered

The current cold spell has been brought by north-westerly winds blowing across the snow covered Karkaz Mountains, north of Iraq, in southern Russia.

Reuters adds: The Middle East shivered on Thursday in a cold snap that brought chaos to icy roads, joy to skiers and snow to a desert in Iran for the first time in 50 years.

In Lebanon snow-ploughs cleared blocked roads to Syria amid fresh snowfalls and ski-slopes opened in mountains east of Beirut.

Snow fell in south Jordan where temperatures hit -15°C (5°F) overnight and at least 15 people were injured earlier as buses and cars skidded out of control near Amman.

Snow also fell for the first time in 50 years in Khur desert in central Iran and schools in the region closed, said Iran's IRNA news agency.

Snow

Snow lay on the ground in Istanbul in Turkey where the temperature was minus two degrees Centigrade (28°F) in a cold snap that has lasted several days.

In Cyprus weathermen said the temperature was 0.4°C (32.6°F) in Nicosia, five degrees below normal.

Cairo shivered in a minimum of seven degrees Centigrade (43°F) on Thursday, slightly colder than normal.

## Arafat claims he saved Kissinger

RIYADH, Jan 6, (AP): A visiting American professor has quoted PLO chief Yasser Arafat as saying he saved the life of US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in the 1970s.

Professor John Duke Anthony also said that Arafat told him he has been in contact with senior US officials since 1976, when President-elect George Bush headed the Central Intelligence Agency.

He quoted Arafat in an article written for the English-language daily newspaper Riyadh Daily, titled "What America Owes Arafat."

Anthony, the president of the American National Council of US-Arab Relations, was in Saudi Arabia with a group of educators from the University of Ohio.

He said Arafat told him on Monday that he had saved Kissinger's life by tipping him about a planned terrorist attack during a projected visit to the Lebanese capital, Beirut, in the 1970s.

"Arafat also pointed out that he had received a letter from Kissinger thanking him formally for saving his life by Arafat's timely discovery and warning that terrorists planned to rocket Kissinger's plane as it landed at Beirut," Anthony said in the article.

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India withdraws battalion of troops

## Militants kill six in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Jan 6, (Agencies): Sinhalese militants killed five government workers and a supporter of the governing United National Party in two separate attacks in central and southern Sri Lanka, police said today.

The government workers were apparently killed because they ignored a call by the Sinhalese militants to boycott the Dec 19 presidential election.

A police officer, said the five were ambushed and shot yesterday in Kamburupitiya village in Matara district, about 135 kilometres (85 miles) south of Colombo.

### Incapable

A supporter of the United National Party, identified as K. Karunaratne, was killed yesterday in Mongeragala town in central Sri Lanka, the officer said.

The militant group, the People's Liberation Front, had called for boycotting the polls, saying the government was incapable of conducting a fair election.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa of the United National Party won the election, defeating two other candidates. Opposition politicians said the balloting was fraudulent.

The Sinhalese extremist group contend the government gave too many concessions to the Tamil minority, who have been waging a 5-year-old guerrilla war for an independent homeland in the north and east of the island nation. More than 8,000 people have died in the violence.

Schools closed two months ago because of student unrest reopened yesterday in an attempt by the government to restore normal activities on this strife-

tor island. Principals reported satisfactory to good attendance at the country's 10,400 schools, closed by the government on Nov 10 after widespread student unrest, rioting and police action that left at least 20 students dead.

Police and troops were ordered to stay away from schools yesterday, and there were no indications of trouble, said Elmo Gooneratne, an Educational Ministry official.

Sri Lanka has a literacy rate of 86 per cent, the highest in Asia. While most of the island nation's 3.8 million students returned to classes yesterday, there was no indication when seven of Sri Lanka's eight universities would reopen. The colleges closed in mid-1987 because of student unrest.

India has withdrawn one battalion of its 30,000 troops in Sri Lanka at the request of Premadasa, a spokesman said yesterday.

Gurjit Singh, first secretary at the Indian High Commission (embassy) said the withdrawal took place in the past few days.

A second battalion will be sent home on Jan 8, he added. India announced on Jan 1 that it would pull out two battalions of the troops sent to the island's northern and eastern areas in July 1987 to enforce a pact aimed at ending a Tamil separatist rebellion.

"I do not have details. The only information I have is that the first battalion left Sri Lanka in the past few days," he said.

The second battalion would leave on Sunday by ship from the northern port Kankesanthurai, Singh added.

## Hoss seeks Arab League help

BEIRUT, Jan 6, (Reuters): Lebanon's Muslim acting Prime Minister, vying for power with a rival Christian government, urged the Arab League today to help to reconcile warring factions in his country.

Selim Al-Hoss told a news conference that his Syrian-backed government had sent a memorandum to Arab League

member states, whose foreign ministers meet in Tunis on January 11 to discuss the Lebanese crisis.

Sources close to the League said the ministers would also urgently consider the row between the United States and Libya following the shooting down of two Libyan jets on Wednesday.

PLO leader meets King Hussein

## Arafat says he has information on Pan Am bombing

RIYADH, Jan 6, (Agencies): PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat says he has "plenty of important information" on the Dec 21 bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet, the Al Medina newspaper reported today.

It quoted him as saying in an interview that the PLO was "co-operating with a number of European states and the United States in a joint international bid to expose the perpetrators."

Arafat's remarks were published two days after his deputy, Salah Khalaf, told a Bahrain news conference that the PLO was ready to co-operate with the United States in identifying the bombers.

But he said there had not yet been any approach by Washington.

Khalaf, Arafat's second-in-command in the mainstream Fatah faction, accused Israel's secret service Mossad of bombing the plane to torpedo growing international sympathy for the Palestinian cause. But he conceded there was no proof to back

up any claim. Western speculation has pointed to extremist Palestinian factions opposed to Arafat's peace initiative as being behind the bombing.

Arafat told Al Medina that the talks indicated a "clear rapprochement" between the PLO and Washington.

He also predicted "surprise developments on the international level over the coming days" on the Palestinian issue, but did not elaborate.

He said he expected US President-elect George Bush to demonstrate "a more studied and understanding" approach toward the Palestinian problem when he takes office on Jan 20.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe yesterday said Britain has set "no special conditions" for a possible meeting between him and Arafat.

Howe and Arafat arrived yesterday in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, raising speculation among diplomats and officials a possible

encounter could be arranged as a "gesture of goodwill" toward the PLO's peace overtures.

Speaking at a press conference after talks with UAE leaders, Howe said recent statements by Arafat, in which he accepted Israel's right to exist, renounced terrorism and recognized Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, have opened the way for "further contacts" between Britain and the PLO.

"The precise pattern of the style of that process of contacts, by whom and where, will have to be decided as we move along," Howe said. "There are no special conditions as such."

### Foundation

Arafat flew into Abu Dhabi to lay the foundation stone for the Palestine embassy, located in a prominent site in the capital's diplomatic quarter. The ceremony was attended by UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan and several Arab and Western diplomats.

Howe said British Minister of State for Commonwealth Affairs William Waldegrave will be flying to Tunis, where the PLO is headquartered for talks with Palestinian officials at the end of next week.

Britain has upgraded the level of its contacts with the PLO after Arafat met the long-standing conditions on Dec 14, which also ended a 13-year-old boycott by the US in dealing with the organization previously regarded as a terrorist group.

### Entrusted

Arafat arrived in Jordan today and met with King Hussein and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai. PLO sources and others at the prime minister's office said Arafat first met with Rifai, then they went to the palace for lunch with Hussein. No details of their discussions were disclosed.

Arafat's visit was reported on the English-language service of state-run Jordan Radio.

Arafat's new peace strategy got a boost yesterday with an announcement that the foreign

ministers of France, Spain and Greece would meet him in Madrid later this month.

The European Economic Community's Council of Ministers has entrusted the three with contacting the PLO, Israel and the United States to press for an international Middle East peace conference.

Arafat, who will also meet Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez during his Madrid visit on Jan 27, held talks in Cairo this week with Egyptian President Mubarak.

French President Mitterrand said, yesterday that France plans to elevate the status of the PLO's office in Paris to "general delegation."

The President, speaking to reporters at the Elysee Palace, said France recognized only states possessing a territory and thus was not able to accord the PLO representation diplomatic status and privileges. But he said Paris had to take into account the recent decisions of the PLO in Algiers.

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## No link between birth control pills and breast cancer

WASHINGTON, Jan 6, (Reuters): A US health advisory group decided yesterday recent studies did not demonstrate that birth control pills cause breast cancer.

The advisors to the US food and drug administration said after a meeting that "the advisory committee members generally agreed that overall the studies did not show a cause and effect relationship between oral contraceptives and breast cancer."

The group had met all day to debate whether the widely-used pills should contain new warnings about the risks of breast cancer based on recent studies, but decided to recommend no changes in the use of the oral contraceptives or in the labelling except to point out the most recent studies.

### Chemical waste

BEIRUT, Jan 6, (Reuters): An Italian ship arrived in Beirut today to remove chemical waste from Italy dumped in Lebanon more than a year ago, a Christian militia official said.

## Thousands salute executed leader Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

LARKANA, Pakistan, Jan 6, (Reuters): More than 200,000 people swarmed over the plains of Garhi Khuda Bux recited verses from the holy Quran while thousands of others danced to the beat of drums and oriental flute music.

The city of Larkana was bedecked with large portraits of Benazir and her father and the red, black and green flags of the Pakistan People's Party founded by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto 21 years ago.

Benazir cut a 1,000-pound (450-kg) cake at her home near the city. She was unable to cut a 61-pound (27-kg) cake at the graveside because of the crush of people.

A party spokesman said the former prime minister's birthday celebration was attended by more people than at any time during the 11-year military rule of Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a mysterious plane crash last August.

"People have come on buses, cars, motorcycles and trains

from all four provinces of Pakistan," said a traffic police inspector.

In previous years, the celebrations had been small and followers alleged that troops and police prevented them from travelling to the village grave.

Most of Pakistan's daily newspapers contained a four-page supplement carrying the banner headline "Jeay Bhutto" (long live Bhutto) and a drawing of the late leader standing with his arms raised in front of crowds of supporters.

"It gives us strength under the whiplash. It gives courage walking defiantly to the gallows ... it means so much to us, it drives us on," part of a tribute signed by Benazir read.

Her brothers, Mir Murtaza and Shah Nawaz, were also hailed at the graveside. Both were implicated in the 1982 hijack of a Pakistan Airlines plane which forced Zia to release 54 political prisoners for the release of hostages.

## Kuwait condemns US downing of Libyan jets

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Soviet officials yesterday acknowledged that some toxic materials could be produced at the Libyan plant but said it was not capable of producing full-scale chemical weapons.

Shultz hinted that the US may be willing to work out a deal with Libya that would not require the destruction of the chemical plant.

"Obviously, if the facility were destroyed that would take care of the problem, so that's our posture," Shultz said.

But, he told reporters in his plane on the way to the Paris conference, "whether there is something else that can be done, we'll see."

Britain said on Wednesday it had concluded after an independent investigation that the Libyan plant was designed for poison gas production. Canada joined in supporting the US yesterday.

### Attack

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, in a sharp attack on Libya, said yesterday that "chemical weapons must not be allowed to put Middle East peace at risk."

Speaking in Abu Dhabi, Howe said there was no question Libya planned to produce chemical weapons and was in "a class of its own" in the promotion of terrorism.

Egypt, Washington's leading Arab ally and major aid recipient after Israel, appealed for restraint.

North Yemen, Tunisia, Morocco, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq voiced support for Libya.

Qatar, South Yemen, UAE, Algeria, Jordan, the PLO and Bahrain joined the chorus of Arab criticism.

The Soviet Union, issuing its harshest criticism of Washington in years, accused the US action as "state terrorism."

### Campaign

"News that Washington's anti-Libyan campaign had produced an armed clash over the Mediterranean, as a result of which two Libyan planes were brought down, has been received with indignation in Moscow," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said at a news conference in Moscow.

"Such actions, being as they are a show of political adventurism and state terrorism, may bring about serious consequences," he said.

## Madonna plans for amicable divorce

LOS ANGELES, Jan 6, (AP): Actor Sean Penn and singer Madonna have separated and are planning to end their turbulent, three-year marriage, a spokesman for the pugnacious actor said yesterday.

The announcement follows a nullified divorce filing from late 1987 and several well-publicized fights between the hot-tempered Penn and photographers, one of which led to a 60-day prison term.

New divorce rumours have swirled around the couple for months.

"It is true," spokesman John West said. "Sean and Madonna are separated. They plan to divorce and it's amicable."

Bob Merlis, a spokesman for Madonna's record label, Warner Bros., said that Madonna brought the divorce action. "I assume (the divorce was filed) in Los Angeles," he said.

Telephone messages left with Penn's lawyers were not immediately returned.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Dramatic swing

WASHINGTON, Jan 6, (Reuters): The Iran-Contra scandal case took a dramatic swing in favour of defendant Oliver North when the prosecutor asked the judge to drop criminal charges that were at the very heart of his case.

Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh moved for dismissal yesterday of the two central Iran-Contra charges against North after US intelligence agencies, backed by President Reagan, blocked the disclosure of classified information necessary for his case.

### Bomb-hoaxer jailed

LONDON, Jan 6, (London): A man was jailed for a year yesterday for telephoning a hoax bomb threat to an airport to give his girlfriend time to catch a flight after she overslept.

A court heard that 22-year-old Naveed Aslam stopped his car on the way to London's Gatwick airport in August and telephoned British Airways, warning that a bomb had been planted on the Casablanca flight his girlfriend hoped to catch.

The flight was delayed over three hours for checks, but Aslam was arrested after airport staff became suspicious.

### Emperor Hirohito

TOKYO, Jan 6, (UPI): Emperor Hirohito continued to fight for life today, weakly waving off an oxygen mask and expressing pain each time a needle is inserted for a transfusion, as doctors struggled to boost his unbounding blood pressure from a critical range, palace officials said.

Japanese news reports, quoting palace sources, said however that the 87-year-old monarch was almost comatose and that physical reactions described by the palace were merely automatic reflexes that can occur in a nearly unconscious state.

### Ordination

VATICAN CITY, Jan 6, (UPI): Pope John Paul II ordained 13 bishops from seven countries in St Peter's Basilica today and then announced plans for a special synod of African bishops to a festive throng in St Peter's Square.

The solemn ordination ceremony in the basilica, followed by the announcement of the synod as the Pope celebrated the 50th anniversary of his coronation, marked the Catholic feast of Epiphany, a national holiday in Italy.

## Anti-Libyan force

LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuters): The United States and Israel have set up a series of bases in Central Africa where they are training a large force to topple Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi, a specialist African publication said on Wednesday.

Africa Confidential, a well-informed London-based weekly newsletter, said the National Front for the Salvation of Libya was being trained at bases in Gabon, Cameroon and the Central African republic and had its headquarters at the Chadian town of Ouadi Doum.

## Sikh killers of Indira hanged

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old wounds. "The granting of mercy would have paved the way for fostering unity and integrity of the country," he said in a statement.

Despite the calm, the Army was on standby in Punjab and all available police on duty in Delhi. Some kind of reprisal by Sikh extremists, who yesterday threatened to "set the nation on fire," was considered a virtual certainty.

Their favoured "soft" targets are passengers on country buses, guests at wedding parties and migrant labourers.

Delhi residents recall a campaign of booby-trap bombs which killed 86 people, many of them children, in May 1985. With 70,000 armed men deployed against the extremists in Punjab, the capital was the likeliest target for the Sikhs' revenge.

Police in Punjab said three buses had been burned in the state today, apparently for defying extremist calls for three days of mourning.

Threatened. Posters went up in the Amritsar and Tarn Taran areas, where extremists are particularly active, telling people to stay at home, close shops and businesses and keep vehicles off the roads. They threatened to "wipe out" the families of violators.

Only one violent death was reported in Punjab today.

In the first five days of January, 34 people were killed, police said.

Punjab residents said they feared a fresh upsurge of violence once the tight security imposed for the executions eased.

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## Working Girl leads in Golden Globe nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Jan 6, (AP): "Working Girl," a corporate Cinderella comedy, and "Running on Empty," about 1960s activists still on the run, led all other films in nominations for the Golden Globe awards on Wednesday.

"Working Girl" collected six nominations, including best musical or comedy, best director for Mike Nichols, best actress for Melodie Griffith and best screenplay for Kevin Wade.

"Running on Empty" had five nominations, including best drama, best dramatic actress for Christine Lahti, best director for Sidney Lumet and best screenplay for Naomi Foner.

### Important

The highly touted "Accidental Tourist" and box-office champion "Big" received only two nominations each.

The nominations, announced by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, are considered important not only for their use

in advertising but also as indicators of favorites for the Oscars in March.

Nominated for best dramatic movie were: "The Accidental Tourist," "A Cry in the Dark," "Gorillas in the Mist: The Adventures of Dian Fossey," "Mississippi Burning," "Rain Man," "Running on Empty" and "The Unbearable Lightness of Being."

### Comedy

Comedy was the big US box office draw in 1988, with a cartoon rabbit, an African prince and a kid trapped in a man's body leading the ticket sales.

"Who Framed Roger Rabbit" grossed \$150 million to finish at No. 1, according to year-end figures released on Wednesday by exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks movie successes and failures in the United States.

The movie, co-produced by Walt Disney and Steven Spielberg's Amblin Productions, mixed live action and animation.



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Black students allowed only one Chinese girlfriend

BEIJING, Jan 6, (Reuters): African students, complaining of racial slurs and violence, say authorities are restricting them to one Chinese girlfriend each — and she must be officially approved. Chinese officials denied yesterday that African students had been tortured after a racial clash in Nanking.

After African students at the centre of confrontations with Chinese authorities said teachers had presented them with an unusual new college rule — only one officially-approved Chinese girl each.

Foreign Ministry spokesman said police acted legally after a clash between Africans and Chinese in the eastern city and denied that they had used electric truncheons on any of them.

"We have investigated and there is no truth to these reports," the spokesman said. "Nanking police did not use electric truncheons."

He described the Christmas Eve clash and later protests in Nanking as a campus security problem and not a sign of racism. It was an unpleasant event that would not affect Beijing's friendly relations with African states, he said.

African students said police stormed a guesthouse where they had been staying near Nanking then stripped and beat them and gave them shocks using electric truncheons.

The "one girlfriend" rule appeared to be an attempt to settle the sensitive issue of friendships between African men and Chinese women, a recurring source of racial tension which has spread to at least four Chinese cities.

The ruling was described as ridiculous by Africans at Nanking's Hehai University where students fought with Chinese on Dec 24 and alleged that police brutality against them followed.

The students, mostly men, quoted university head Liang Ruiju as saying they could choose only one Chinese woman friend during their studies, often five years long, and that she would have to register her name with the college.

# Afghan talks make 'little progress'

ISLAMABAD, Jan 6, (AP): Afghan mujahedeen leaders met today with a Soviet deputy foreign minister, but rebel sources said little progress was made in negotiations aimed at creating a new post-war government in Afghanistan.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov insisted that Moscow's Marxist allies in Afghanistan be given a role in any new post-war government in Kabul, said a rebel spokesman.

"Everything is the same," Rehman Saeed, director of the guerrilla-run Afghan News Agency, said as the rebel delegation left the Pakistan Foreign Ministry building. Although not a member of the official delegation, Saeed sat in on the negotiations.

Before the talks began today, rebel sources said the Soviet envoy agreed to abandon attempts to find a role for the ruling Afghan party in a post-war government.

But Saeed told reporters after the talks recessed that Vorontsov was still insisting on a role for the Afghan communists.

Sibghatullah Mojaddidi,

chairman of a loose and quarrelsome alliance of seven Pakistan-based Afghan rebel groups, led the guerrilla delegation but refused to discuss details to the opening round of talks.

**Progress**  
When asked whether any progress had been made toward reaching a political settlement to the 10-year-old civil war in Afghanistan, Mojaddidi said, "the progress is that we are talking."

In early December, the Soviets opened negotiations with the rebels for the first time. The rebels hailed the meetings as a victory because they signalled Moscow's recognition of the guerrillas must be involved in any negotiations aimed at ending the Afghan war.

The December meetings, held in Saudi Arabian resort city of Taif, ended with both sides promising to meet again in Islamabad.

The agenda for today's meeting has been kept secret, but one rebel source, who asked not to be identified, said the talks would focus on creating a post-war government.

The Afghan guerrillas, called

mujahedeen, are opposed to allowing the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan to play any role in a broad-based transitional government.

Vorontsov has shuttled between Saudi Arabia, Iran, Rome and Pakistan since December, trying to find a consensus on the composition of a post-war Afghan government.

The talks today in Islamabad included representatives of both the Pakistan-based rebels and Afghan guerrillas based in Iran.

**Refugees**  
About three million Afghan war refugees live in Pakistan and another two million live in Iran.

Rebel sources said Pakistan did not have a representative at the negotiating table.

But Vorontsov has met twice with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, and also has met with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan. He is expected to meet with Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto tomorrow.

In December 1979, the Soviet Union sent about 100,000 Red Army soldiers into Afghanistan to help the Marxist government



Mojaddidi: talking there in its war against the rebels.

But last April, Moscow agreed to withdraw its soldiers by Feb 15. Half had left by August.

Vorontsov said on Wednesday, however, that withdrawal of the remaining soldiers could be delayed if the Afghan rebels continue fighting to overthrow the communist government.

**Vow**  
Meanwhile, Afghan President Najibullah hinted in a British newspaper interview yesterday that he did not plan to step down after the Soviet Union pulled all its troops out of his country.

Najibullah told The Times newspaper that he was open to compromise with all parties, including the Afghan mujahedeen, so long as he and his communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan were recognised and involved.

# Vietnamese to pull out of Kampuchea by September

BANGKOK, Jan 6, (Reuters): Vietnam will pull all its troops out of Kampuchea by September if there is an end to the 10-year-old guerrilla war, Kampuchean leader Heng Samrin said today.

He said Hanoi and Phnom Penh had "agreed that if there is a political solution all Vietnamese troops will be withdrawn from Kampuchea no later than September 1989."

Heng Samrin, the Communist Party chief, made the announcement in a speech broadcast by Phnom Penh Radio.

**Promise**  
Heng Samrin, whose speech was monitored in Bangkok, said a peace agreement, including troop withdrawals and provisions to prevent any return to power of the Khmer Rouge, "should be implemented with effective international control."

The Khmer Rouge, overthrown in 1979 after a bloody four-year rule under leader Pol Pot, has an estimated 30,000 guerrillas operating in the country from bases along the Thai border, according to Western

diplomats.  
"The People's Republic of Kampuchea hopes that other parties will keep their promise to put an end to assistance and sanctuaries to the Pol Pot clique and other opposing Kampuchean forces and interference in Kampuchea's internal affairs," Heng Samrin said.

**Offer**  
Vietnam and Phnom Penh government set up 10 years ago had said earlier that all Vietnamese forces would be pulled out of Kampuchea by April 1990, even if there was no negotiated settlement.

Heng Samrin was speaking at tenth anniversary celebrations of his government in Phnom Penh, which were attended by Vietnamese Communist Party leader Nguyen Van Linh.

The Phnom Penh-Vietnamese offer of an early troop pullout appeared directed at China, which has offered to stop supplying Khmer Rouge guerrillas if Hanoi sets a precise withdrawal schedule for its Kampuchean-based troops.

# Repatriation of Biharis needs money

DHAKA, Jan 6, (Reuters): A Saudi Arabia-based charity trying to arrange repatriation of 250,000 Pakistanis stranded in Bangladesh for 17 years said yesterday Muslim states had responded poorly to its plea for necessary funds.

"We have so far been able to raise only 10 per cent of the \$250 million required for sending the stranded Pakistanis to their homeland," a leader of Rabitat Al Alam Al Islami told a news conference.

Amin Aqeel Attas made a fresh appeal to rich Muslim countries for funds and said repatriation would begin when half the money arrived.

About 380,000 Urdu-speaking Muslims — called Biharis because they came from India's Bihar state following the partition of British India in 1947 — remained in Bangladesh when it split from Pakistan in 1971.

Some 120,000 Biharis were resettled in Pakistan under a 1973 agreement. The rest have been living in 66 squalid camps in Dhaka and elsewhere in Bangladesh.

Attas, who arrived in Dhaka last Monday, has held talks with Bangladesh ministers and Bihari leaders.

## Troops storm detention camp

## Rebels seize Filipino general

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Jan 6, (AP): Troops backed by tanks and armoured personnel carriers today stormed a military garrison where rebel police were holding a senior commander and his chief of staff hostage, witnesses said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Witnesses said shooting erupted about an hour after a deadline set by the captors to resume negotiations for the release of Brig. Gen. Eduardo Batalla and Col Romeo Abandan. They were taken prisoner yesterday by a group of Muslim policemen led by patrolman Rizal Ali.

Sgt Carmencita Abarquez, desk sergeant at a police station near the military camp, said the shooting was continuing more than half a hour later.

In Manila, radio stations said

the firing began about a half hour after House of Representatives Speaker Ramon Mitra left the camp following fruitless demands that he be allowed to see Batalla to verify he was alive.

Ali and about 15 followers seized Batalla, regional commander of the Philippine Constabulary, and Abandan, the chief of staff, yesterday after they were ordered to surrender and face murder charges in a 1984 incident.

**Casualties**  
Officials said between 30 and 40 armed men, some of whom may have been Muslim soldiers, apparently slipped into the headquarters building overnight to join Ali. An undetermined number of other supporters were guarding Ali's house behind the headquarters building.

There were conflicting reports

that one and possibly two people were killed when Ali and the others barged into Batalla's office yesterday and shooting erupted.

Earlier today, Mitra described the situation as "very, very explosive" and said Ali had many sympathisers among Muslim troops in the garrison.

The group also demanded the withdrawal from the camp of all Christian soldiers and for camp security to be left to Batalla's Muslim troops.

Mindanao island, regarded by the Philippines' five million Muslim minority as their ancestral home, was the scene of a separatist revolt in the 1970s which claimed more than 50,000 lives. Zamboanga, in southwestern Mindanao, is one of the main cities, with a largely Christian population of around 500,000.

## Idi Amin held in Kinshasa

KINSHASA, Jan 6, (UPI): Former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin was arrested and interrogated by Zairian authorities after arriving from Nigeria with a phony passport, officials said yesterday.

The portly former dictator, blamed for the deaths of 250,000 Ugandans during his eight-year reign of terror, was arrested on Tuesday night with one of his sons on arrival from the Nigerian capital of Lagos, officials said.

They said Amin would likely be deported.

Sources at the Kinshasa airport said Amin came to Zaire on an unannounced visit after a stopover in the Congolese capital of Brazzaville.

One source said Amin arrived in Kinshasa bearing a false Zairian passport with an assumed name and then maintained the pretense under questioning by police.

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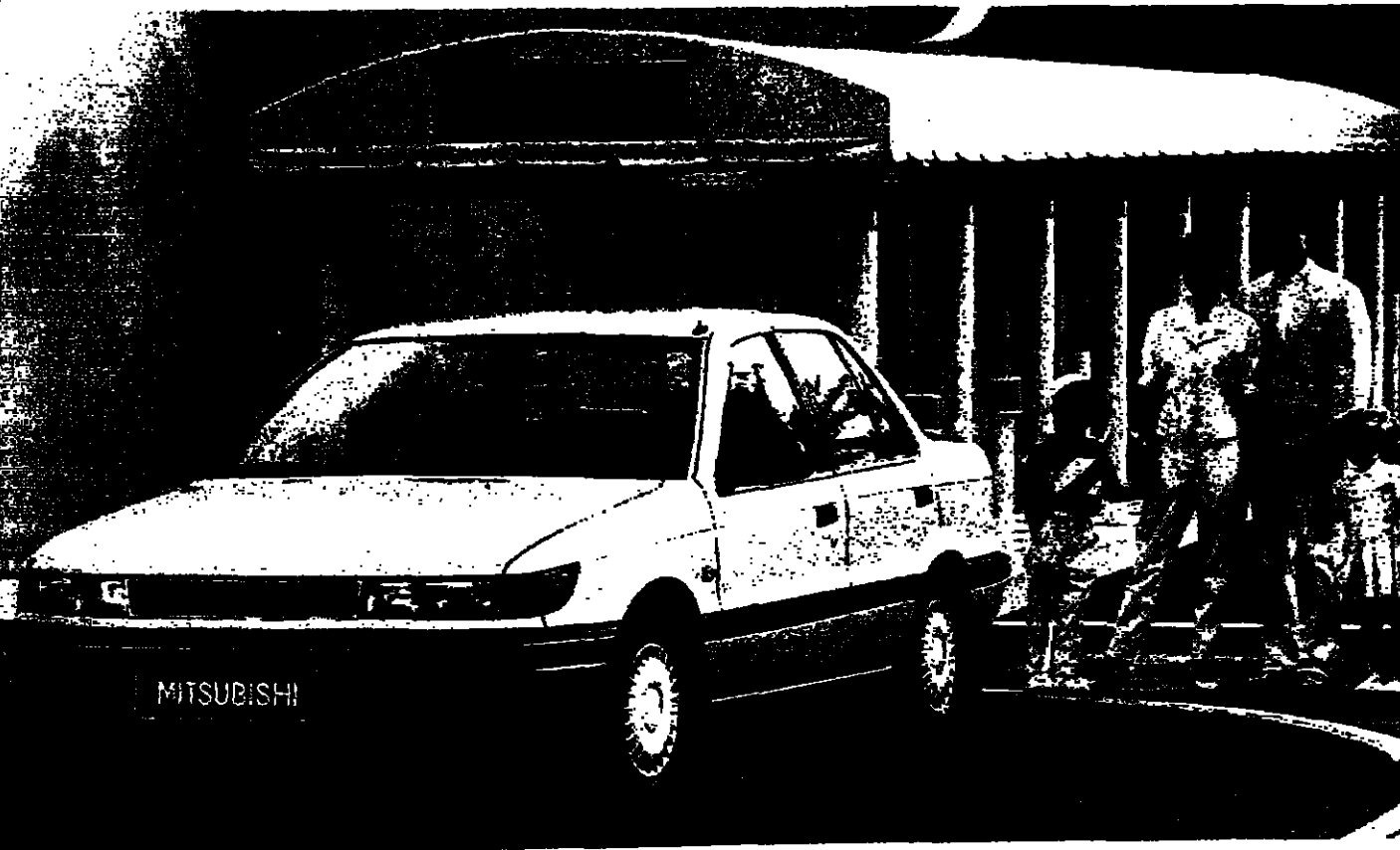
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## 270 to benefit in Amiri amnesty

A LIST of about 270 prisoners who will benefit from the Amiri amnesty on Kuwait's National Day is being prepared by the Ministry of Interior, according to a local daily.

Security sources said that of the 270 prisoners, 200 were jailed for criminal cases and misdemeanours and others for traffic violations.

## Scout killed in fire at camp

KUWAIT, Jan 6, (KUNA): A 15-year-old boy scout was killed and three others wounded, one critically, when a fire broke out in their tent at dawn today.

Security sources said the fire at a Ministry of Education camp ground in the Kabd region was caused by a candle.

The scout who died was identified as Ahmed Mansour Seif.

The Education Ministry has cancelled the opening ceremony of the annual scout camp.

## Crown Prince returns

KUWAIT, Jan 6, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned to Kuwait tonight after a brief private visit to India.

## Traffic sentences

A TOTAL of 815 enforced sentences were issued by the Traffic Rules Enforcement Department during Dec 1988, according to a statistical report.

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## Murder linked to labour racketeers, say Thai police Saudis denounce attack on Maliki and pledge security for others

RIYADH, Jan 6, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia today denounced the slaying of one of its diplomats in Thailand and pledged to tighten security for its diplomats abroad.

Third Secretary Saleh Abdullah Al Maliki, 32-year-old father of two young children whose widow is expecting a third child, was shot in a commercial neighbourhood of Bangkok Wednesday.

His body was flown home today and later buried in the Holy Muslim city of Makkah.

Al Maliki was the second Saudi diplomat attacked in an Asian capital in two months and the third in four months.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it was confident that Thai authorities were hunting the killers.

### Firmness

It stressed that the Saudi government "will undertake all that is necessary to guarantee the safety of its sons abroad and to prevent anything that infringes on the state's capabilities and its security."

The Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, said in a statement published in the Saudi paper Okaz: "The kingdom rejects any form of blackmail, pressure or threat and will deal

with these incidents with its habitual calm, wisdom and firmness."

He said his country was in constant contact with security authorities in countries where the attacks have taken place to determine the outcome of the investigations.

Hassan Al Amir, the Saudi Vice-Consul in Pakistan, was shot and seriously wounded in Karachi last month. Two months earlier, Abdul Ghani Bedawi, Second Secretary at the Saudi embassy in Ankara, was shot to death.

### Speculation

There have been other attacks on Saudi diplomats, including one on Al Amir's personal secretary in Karachi last year.

Thai police said the attack might be linked to a dispute with local labour procurement racketeers. Maliki handled labour visa applications for Thais wanting to work in Saudi Arabia.

Police said the gunman appeared to be an amateur. Only three of his eight bullets hit Maliki, although they were fired at close range.

Police also said that the Saudi diplomat, received a fake bomb and a letter warning him to speed visa applications for Thai workers.

Lt. Gen. Pravit Wongviseth, assistant to the National Police chief said an investigation had revealed no indications that international terrorists had entered Thailand.

"We believe that the motive for the killing was (the diplomat's) duties at the embassy and that the murderer is a Thai," Pravit said.

He said police today searched Al Maliki's office and found a package made up to look like a bomb with a package of "Quick, Quick" instant noodles and a warning letter inside.

"Do your job quick quick and your wife and family will be able to eat," the note said.

Pravit said police investigations were focusing on the placement agencies who find jobs in Saudi Arabia for Thai workers and charge them a fee. Several hundred thousand Thais worked in Saudi Arabia in the last 10 years.

Al Maliki was in charge of issuing visas and his embassy colleagues described him as being meticulous in his work and careful to observe new regulations on visas, Pravit said.

Pravit said the colleagues warned Al Maliki that his actions were angering the labour agencies and that he could be in danger.

## Howe pays tribute to Royal Navy personnel

ABU DHABI, Jan 6, (AP): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe today wrapped up a two-day trip to the United Arab Emirates with a visit to the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol.

Howe went aboard the frigate HMS Brazen to pay tribute to what he called "a very good job" by Royal Navy personnel in escorting more than 1,000 British-flag vessels through the Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war.

"There was a continuous solid commitment to security at a time when it was needed most," Howe told a dinner gathering of British and UAE businessmen on Thursday in Dubai.

Howe, on a swing through six Arab countries, has already

assured his Gulf hosts that the Armilla Patrol would continue operations till Britain considers it "no longer necessary to protect its interests."

The patrol currently comprises three warships, four minesweepers and two to three supply ships.

### Protection

Howe's visit coincided with the departure of the Dutch minehunter Urk from the Gulf, leaving British ships in sole charge of the Calendar II mine counter-measure force.

A Belgian Navy contingent already has pulled out of Calendar II force following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

## Farm owner injured by car thieves

KUWAIT, Jan 6, (KUNA): An official security source at the Interior Ministry said that a farm owner in Abdali exchanged fire at dawn, Saturday with a couple of thieves who tried to steal his car.

The source told KUNA that the farm owner, Kuwaiti national Mukhlif N. sustained a serious injury and was transferred to the hospital for treatment.

### IETE examinations

A PRESS release from the Indian embassy in Kuwait has said that the graduateship examinations of the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineers, New Delhi will be held at the Indian embassy premises from Jan 10-Jan 17, 1989, at 6.30, 7.30 and 11.30 am as the case may be.

## Interior Ministry cracks down on drugs, liquor smuggling

By Sayed Usman

COLONEL Abdullah Saad Al Farhan, Director of Drugs and Liquor Control Department of the Ministry of Interior, stated that the department has taken strict procedures to control attempted smuggling and dealing of drugs and liquor. The department will be co-operating with the General Customs Authority to arrest smugglers.

The official revealed that there are different ways of smuggling contraband: in cars, passenger luggage and around or inside bodies; however, security personnel are now qualified in exposing such methods.

Hashish and opium are the most common drugs smuggled into Kuwait. They are obtained from all over the world, especially Lebanon, India, Pakistan and Turkey, he said.

Kuwait has already joined the International Convention of Drug Fighting and frequently co-operates with Arab countries with respect to this field. The department has also started an information campaign to demonstrate how to recognise planted narcotics and who to notify.

Farhan pointed out that according to law 74/83 addicts may be treated, at the psychiatric hospital, without being arrested. Further, if relatives or employers notify prosecution about the addict, he will be sent to hospital for 21 days to undergo an medical examination. If results show positive the addict will be brought before the Criminal Court in a secret session. The judge can then proceed to send the addict to the psychiatric hospital for six to 24 months without his recording his name in the criminal list.

Several attempts to plant marijuana in Kuwait were unsuccessfully carried out by students studying abroad. The official clarified that the crime of cultivating narcotics receives the same punishment as trading and smuggling, which is 15 years imprisonment. Owners of houses



Colonel Farhan ... strict procedures

where such plants grow will be prosecuted.

Farhan added that the price of a bottle of whiskey may reach KD50 in Kuwait whilst it is only worth KD10. This reveals that the state succeeded in its campaign to control liquor trading and smuggling.

Many foreigners are arrested for bootlegging liquor in their households. The official asked about citizens and expatriates to notify the police about any one suspected of this crime. He stressed the importance of his demand as most homemade liquor is poisonous.

However, there has been a considerable reduction in the number of narcotic cases in Kuwait, according to official statistical reports.

In 1988, 164 cases of smuggling, 28 cases of trading in drugs and alcohol nine cases of drug addiction were handled by security forces. 230 persons were accused in these crimes including 21 women.

In 1986, however, 221 cases of smuggling, trading and drug addiction were handled in which 343 persons were arrested, 30 of which were women.

Dr Akram Nasseha, secretary-general of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers, has said that the total quantity of seized narcotics is not more than 15 per cent of the quantities smuggled to the Arab world annually.

## Nasser opens Palestinian Uprising Week today

THE Palestinian Uprising Week will open today under the auspices of Sheikh Nasser Al-Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, at a local daily reported.

The director of the PLO office in Kuwait, Awmi Battash and a number of Palestinian personnel will attend the opening ceremony, which will take place at Mishref Fair Grounds. A charitable bazaar will be included.

Battash told local reporters that the week had been designed to support the Palestinian national uprising in the Israeli occupied territories and to intensify national unity among Palestinians.

He added that four commit-

tees have been assigned to supervise the bazaar. The prices will be 20 per cent less than those in the markets and will contain electronics, food, furniture, clothes and a pavilion for Palestinian, Kuwaiti and other Arab arts. There will also be some Palestinian folklores in the programme.

The official showed gratitude to HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier, the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and the Kuwaiti people for their support to the uprising. Local firms were also thanked for their donations.

## Saudi bid to mend pan-Arab fences

RIYADH, Jan 6, (AP): Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdel Aziz arrived in Damascus today in a fresh bid to mend fences between Syria and three rivals - Iraq, Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He was accorded an official reception at Damascus airport by Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam and other senior state officials.

The prince who is expected to hold talks with President Hafez Assad will also discuss pan-Arab efforts to help Lebanon end its 13 year civil war between Christians and Muslims. Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, keeping more than 30,000 troops there.

Prince Abdullah often has shuttled between Baghdad and Damascus trying to end a long-standing rivalry between Iraq and Syria which are ruled by rival wings of the Baath Nationalist Party.

Egypt, shunned by most of the Arab world for its 1979 peace treaty with Israel, was re-accepted when an emergency pan-Arab summit hosted by Jordan in November 1987 brought restoration of bilateral ties with Cairo by most Arab nations.

But Syria maintained a hard-line stance that barred Egypt's re-instatement in the 22-nation Arab League.

Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat have been at odds since 1983 when Damascus accused the Palestinian leader of seeking a US-sponsored peace accommodation with Israel and what it called a "surrenderist solution" to the Palestinian problem.

Solving such inter-Arab differences is essential in preparing for a pan-Arab summit that would bolster the current Palestinian peace overture and prepare the way for an international Middle East peace conference.

## Test to popularise UN among students

THE 6th annual regional United Nations Information Test, organised by United Schools International (USI), Arab Regional Office, will be held on different dates from Jan 18 to 22 in different countries of the Gulf.

A total of 5,166 students have registered for the test which is divided into four categories: sub-juniors (Stds. IV-VI), juniors (VII-VI), pre-seniors (VIII-X) and seniors (XI-XII). The test is based on two books published by the office: UN primer for pre-senior and senior groups and ABC of the UN for sub-junior and junior categories. These books are annually updated and revised taking into consideration the latest developments in the organisation.

The aim of the test is to popularise the UN among school students and to make them appreciate the role played by it in ensuring peace for all people and countries.

Separate question papers have been set for both boys and girls in all categories mentioned above. The office has also prepared some notes for teachers' guidance.

USI is a non-profit, non-governmental, international organisation which serves as a voluntary education centre for the United Nations. It enjoys consultative status with the United Nations, UNESCO, FAO and UNICEF. The Arab regional office was set up in 1982 and opened by the Minister of Education, Dr Ali Fakhr. The "Peace Messenger" award of the United Nations was conferred on USI last year.

Meanwhile, the Gulf Schools Festival which USI proposed to hold in Bahrain from January 7-10 has now been postponed to late April. This has been necessitated by delays in receiving participant's details from schools in the region. The new date and venue will be announced shortly.

The festival will assemble students from all over the Gulf on a common platform and facilitate the exchange of views and news and promote greater collaboration and mutual appreciation.

Festival participants will form two commissions, to discuss the problems of students arriving or departing on transfer and also to explore ways to enrich the social fabric of their host countries.

The festival programme will consist of competitions in solo and group dances, one-act plays, English elocution contests and on the spot painting. Prizes will be awarded to top three scorers in each contest in the two age groups, 9-12 and 13-16.

The last date to secure registration forms from participating schools has been extended till Jan 31.

## 250 chefs to take part in Saudi Salon Culinaire

SOME 250 chefs, cooks and culinary artists are expected to take part in this year's Saudi Food Salon Culinaire in Riyadh between Feb 25 and March 18.

For the first time of Saudi Food, the Salon will be sponsored by a single company: the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation (AMLC).

The AMLC successfully backed a similar culinary show at last year's Middle East Food and Equipment Show (MEFES) in Bahrain. The Salon participants will be entering some twenty categories demanding specific culinary skill, creativity and artistic merit. The competition runs from the prestigious 'Conférence de la Chaine des Restaurateurs pour Le Moyen-Orient'.

With upwards of 6,000 food professionals expected to attend the Fifth Saudi Food Salon Culinaire, the five-day trade fair is the largest food and catering equipment exhibition in the Middle East.

In addition, AMLC will have its own 36-square-metre stand at Saudi Food manned by half a dozen Australian meat exporters. Local wholesalers, retailers and caterers can also consult an Australian master butcher on butchering techniques and methods. An exhibit will display both prime and retail cuts of chilled and frozen lamb, mutton, beef and offal.

## Arabs to teach medicine in Arabic by 1999

DAMASCUS, Jan 6, (Reuters): Arab universities plan to stop teaching medical courses in European languages and switch to Arabic in a bid to recapture the golden age of Islamic science.

Syrian Health Minister Iyad Shatti said teaching in English, French and Italian would be phased out in several countries over the next 10 years.

### Heritage

"The scientific glories of Arabs which started in the ninth century began only after they absorbed the sciences in their own language, when numerous books were translated into Arabic," he said in an interview.

"We hope that one day we will have an international Arab medicine and become again a source for scientific inventions like those of our ancestors."

The plan was adopted by ministers of Health, Education and Planning from Egypt and most other Arab states after a seminar held in Damascus early this month, he said.

Deans of medical faculties and colleges in most Arab countries urged at the seminar that all medical teaching be in Arabic by 1999.

Shatti said the plan recognised the role played by Arabic in linking the heritage and culture of all Arab states.

He said colonisers imposed teaching in English in Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and Sudan. French was introduced in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Italian in Somalia and Turkish in Syria.

"The decision was not an Arab decision," Shatti said. "It was an unjust colonial decision."

He said an Egyptian medical school began teaching in Arabic in 1826 but Britain made it change to English in 1882.

The American University in Beirut taught in Arabic when it opened in 1866 and one of its professors, Christopher Van Dick, wrote the first book in Arabic on pathology, Shatti said. But it too later changed to teaching in English.

## Treat housemaids kindly, says psychology professor

DR Adnan Al Shatti, a professor of psychology at Kuwait University has said that housewives ought to treat their maids with kindness, since maids that are abused or insulted will transfer their anger one way or another and the easiest targets are children.

Studies conducted by the Research and Study Department at the Interior Ministry reveals that crimes committed by maids are directly proportional to ill-treatment within the household.

It also said that housemaids are often hemmed in between home walls, without the chance of a social life. The major responsibilities they hold within the household also adds to their frustrations, the study reveals.

Some residents have called the dependence on maids a dangerous phenomenon and have called for their eviction. The demand for maids however is still high.

A census on manpower statistics for 1988 shows that the number of maids in Kuwait has risen by three per cent since 1985. Maids form 30 per cent of Kuwait's expatriate population. The Interior Ministry study reveals that crimes committed by maids is relatively low in comparison with general expatriate manpower crime rates. Crimes committed by maids did not exceed 0.6 per 1,000 in Kuwait while it reaches upto 4 per 1,000 in other countries.

foreign maids, they said.

On the other hand, many working mothers feel that maids are an absolute necessity because they depend on them entirely. Such women are usually under some kind of social or career pressure. Others are used to having them around all their lives and therefore cannot live without them.

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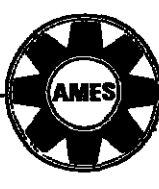
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## EVENTS

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Qulob Hazina: Arabic serial  
10.50 News Summary/Good Morning  
11.00 Bait Al Awham: local Arabic serial  
12.00 Gulf Cuisine  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/closedown  
EVENING  
4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Bambo: animated feature  
5.15 Fanan Sagheer: Young Artists  
5.45 Nazrat Alal Alam: cultural programme  
6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira:

historical serial  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Noor Al Islam: religious programme  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.55 Daerat Al Ahadith: Circle of Events  
10.45 Wada'a Umri: Arabic play, featuring Sabirin, Hisham Saleem and Fathiya Shahin  
12.00 News Summary  
12.05 World News via Satellite  
12.20 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Duck Tales: cartoon serial  
6.30 Scheme of Things  
7.00 Sea Urchins: a children's show, it tells

the story of the survival of a group of children living in a jungle.  
7.30 Throb: a new series about a woman and her efforts to lead a decent life.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Our House: "The Best"  
9.30 The Four Horsemen: "You Can't Call this Peace". A look at international relations after World War II.  
10.30 Made-for-TV movie: "Stone Pillow".  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

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## SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial  
6.30 The Owl: a documentary for young viewers on wildlife and nature  
7.00 Scientific Eye: "Acids". Acid rain, its causes and effects  
7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness: "Advice and Consent." Dave is jealous of his colleague who manages to date the best-looking girl at college.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Call Me Mister: "Tour of Force." Jack joins forces with Fred to help fight crime on the streets.  
9.45 What's Happening Now: Comedy. Nadine takes up a job but her husband is not too kind to her boss.  
10.30 Best-Seller: "Baby M". The battle for custody of Baby M continues as Bill produces evidence of Mary's attempt to commit suicide.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial  
6.30 Chocky's Children: based on characters created by John Wyndham  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of news and views  
7.30 Perspective: a look at industry and agriculture  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Different World: the girl has difficulty in paying her school fees  
9.30 Rediscovery of the World: a look at the natural life in New Zealand  
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents... a woman has to pay a high price for refusing to guide a man who is new in town.  
10.30 French Feature Film: "Le Train". Starring: Paul Amot, Remy Schneider. The daring escape of a French family who escapes from France during WWII.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Hafez Pharmacy  
Al Bahar Bldg., Souk Wafel, Salah Al Din St.  
Al Mojil Pharmacy  
Mojil Bldg., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.  
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## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
Aliens  
Starring: James Cameron  
Al Salmiya  
Funoon Centre  
Performance  
Al Hamra  
Ayyam Al R'ob (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmood Yaseen, Mervat Ameen  
Drive-In  
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
Al Firdos  
Daku Hasina (Hindi)  
Starring: Zeenat Aman, Rakesh Roshan  
Fahadheel Open-Air  
Jhoota Kahin Ka (Hindi)  
Al Fahadheel  
Ganga Jamuna Saraswati (Hindi)  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi Seshadri  
Al Jahra  
C.O.D.  
Granada  
The Dragnet  
Salaibikhat  
Al Tahaddi (Arabic)  
Al Jleeb  
Ennu Nadhante Nirmmi (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
American Graffiti

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.19 am
Zuhr	11.55
Asr	2.47 pm
Maghreb	5.05
Isha	6.28

## TV CORNER

## This week on KTV 2

serial  
6.30 Fire Raiser: a serial for children a woman does her best to prevent the children from reaching the river crossing  
7.00 Footsteps: "Pyramids in the Jungle". A look at archaeological finds in Mexico and Honduras.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Year in the Life: The Gardeners unite to help a family member to quit smoking  
9.40 The Hit Squad: men and women are caught off-guard by the hit squad's candid cameras  
10.10 Bustle Loose: comedy. Jimmy challenges a plumber that he can do a better job than the professional.  
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: a man accused of murder plots his escape by taking a hostage. Starring: William Conrad and Joe E. Penny  
11.30 News Summary/followed by Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown  
WEDNESDAY  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Transformers: cartoon serial  
6.30 Prestige: a new series for young viewers. Tonight, the story of a boy who is sent to the orphanage after his parents desert him.  
7.30 Mutual of Omaha: a programme on wildlife.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 You and the Law: local programme  
8.55 Matlock: A man is jailed for a crime he did not commit. Can Matlock prove his innocence?  
9.40 The Bill Cosby Show: Dr Huxtable tries his hand at cooking but the family is not too keen on his culinary skills. Comedy  
10.10 People do the Craziest

## This week's choice

• The Hunchback of Notre Dame: Wednesday, 10.30 pm, KTV 2: A faithful 1982 film adaptation of Victor Hugo's classic (Notre Dame de Paris, it is the classic tale of the deformed bell ringer and his love for the gypsy Esmeralda. It was first filmed in 1923, followed by two other elaborate versions in 1939 and 1957. KTV 2 will show the made-for-TV version, directed by Michael Tuchner. Anthony Hopkins, Lesley-Anne Down, Robert Powell, John Gielgud and Derek Jacobi star.

## WHAT'S ON

## THEATRE

Festival of Dances  
JAN 13: 4 pm and 7.30 pm, Indian film star Hema Malini presents a festival of Indian classical dances and dance drama at the Andalus Cinema. Dinner with the artistes will be held at the IAC on Jan 12.

## Kuwait Players

Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala

night including buffet. Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm: Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets - KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

## ARTS

## Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

## Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 8.30 am to

Things: A look at some of the craziest things done by people  
10.30 Feature Film: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." An adaptation of the Victor Hugo novel about a deformed bell ringer falls for a beautiful gypsy.

12.00 News Summary/followed by Magazine d'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial  
6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: a programme for young viewers. The story of a princess who is awakened from a 20-year sleep by a prince.  
7.30 T 'n' T: Mr. T plays a tough streetwise private eye and his partner is a crusading lawyer, Amanda Taylor. Tonight, Mr T helps a press photographer.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Oldest Rookie: Paul Sorvino plays detective Porter in this police thriller. In this episode he explores the possibility of solving a crime by using psychics.  
9.40 Incredible Sunday: a programme on the lines of That's Incredible, it will feature a recreation of the story of the 17-year-old American schoolboy who lands his aircraft in Moscow's Red Square and other incredible stories.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Wind Cannot Read."

Starring: Dirk Bogarde, Yoko Tani. The tale of a British pilot in WW II and his romance with a Japanese woman training him for language duty.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

## FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children  
4.20 Italian Football.  
5.30 American Basketball: highlights of the American basketball games  
6.30 Star Trek: The starship Enterprise encounters another spaceship as the adventure in outer space continues this week  
7.30 Face to Face: a new feature for young viewers  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces his sports show on English League games  
9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait  
10.00 The Charmings: a half-hour comedy about a family which returns to life after 1,000 years. Tonight, Prince organises a party for his neighbours.  
10.30 Desperado: thriller. The Sheriff encourages townspeople to buy land in a deserted area.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

from 10 am at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Contact  
JAN 14: The next meeting of the ladies information group Contact will be held at the SAS Tent. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details tel: 3720197/4874513/5388105.

Bharathi Kalai Mandram  
JAN 20: IAC, Funatees. The Bharathi Kalai Mandram, a fine arts association of the Tamil-speaking community, will celebrate the Nehru centenary and Pongal, a harvest festival. A variety show featuring classical dances, drama and music will be held. For entry passes call 5331561.

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PEOPLE generally quarrel because they cannot argue  
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## Noriega survives, may run for president

By Katherine King

PANAMA CITY, (Reuters): Since talks between Washington and General Manuel Antonio Noriega on a deal for the Panamanian military leader to relinquish power collapsed last May, a joke has made the rounds in Panama.

"Did you hear the Noriega and the White House have reached a deal?" It goes. "Reagan is going to step down in January."

The irony of a year of pointed US and opposition pressure to oust Noriega and predictions his days were numbered is that the former US ally has not only hung on but is considering whether to expand his power by running for president.

Speculation over Noriega's possible candidacy in the May 7 election is an obsession for some who scrutinize his every statement and action trying to determine what he will decide.

**Laws**

Under recently revised election laws, formal declarations for the presidency can be made as late as three months before the election, in this case by Feb 7. Previously the law stipulated six months.

Noriega will not say whether or not he plans to run.

But his appearances and speeches at public events, where in civilian dress he shakes hands and greets followers with the flourish of a seasoned campaigner, have led many Panamanians to believe he really will run.

Several members of the ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) have said publicly Noriega would be the best candidate but quickly add the general will be the one to decide whether or not he wants to run.

Some Panamanians say he wants, by winning a popular vote, to erase the negative image created by US indictments against him on drug charges, which were handed up last February and precipitated the Reagan administration's drive to oust him.

**Arrest**

These people argue that if Noriega, the de facto leader of Panama as head of the armed forces, became its constitutional leader he could travel abroad as head of state without fear of arrest. Since the February indictments Noriega has not left the country.

Others say Noriega would be fulfilling a life-long dream by becoming chief executive. Next

to Noriega's graduation picture in his high school yearbook his ambition is listed as "to become a psychiatrist and president of the republic."

Several prominent Panamanians and foreign observers with long experience in Panama say he could run but will probably back a candidate loyal to him and remain behind the scenes.

"He has everything set up to either run himself or float a candidate loyal to him. He could easily go either way," said one foreigner who has lived in Panama for over a decade.

"But he has it all now, why would he want the presidency?" He said.

Panamanians opposed to Noriega and the military-backed government say that Noriega would not win an election.

**Popular**

A recent public opinion poll, carried out in November by an Italian polling company, says Noriega is one of the best known figures in Panama but also one of the least popular.

The poll, distributed here by the opposition Christian Democracy Party (PDC), was commissioned by a private Venezuelan group said to have ties to the opposition.

But several diplomatic and Panamanian sources said that despite his reported unpopularity, Noriega or another military-backed candidate might have a chance at winning because the opposition political parties have become so divided.

In three opposition parties, the Liberal Party, the Republican Party and the Authentic Panamanian Party, factions have splintered off from the main group.

The Panamanian Party, the largest and strongest of the opposition parties, whose long-time leader Arnulfo Arias Madrid died last August, is in the midst of a split that has led to a bitter power struggle for leadership.

One faction headed by party sub-secretary Guillermo Endarra and party vice-president Jorge Pacifico Adams claim the party is being "stolen" from them by Hildebrando Nicosia, the party's general secretary who broke with Arias Madrid in 1984 but retained his title.

Nicosia has moved to "eject" the Endarra faction from the party. Endarra has in turn ordered Nicosia's ejection from the party.

## Quebec holds Canada's provinces hostage

By Laurie Watson

OTTAWA, (UPI): Quebec's decision last month to deny language rights to its English-speaking minority has revived century-old doubts whether the province will ever be comfortable as part of Canada.

Few expect Quebec will seek political independence from the rest of Canada, an option the French-speaking province rejected in a 1980 referendum. But there is growing resentment that Quebec, like a pouting child, is using the threat of separation to hold other provinces hostage to its every economic and political whim.

"The political influence of Quebec is so overwhelming that any political party which wants to form the next government will not be elected if it ignores Quebec," said Tim Danson, a Toronto lawyer and constitutional expert.

Unlike other provinces, Quebec traditionally votes as a bloc for either the conservative or liberal parties so its support is keenly sought, as it is the country's second largest province after Ontario.

About 80 per cent of Quebec's 6.4 million residents are Francophones, giving the province the largest concentration of French-speaking people outside Europe.

**Benefits**

Despite its decision to remain in Canada, Quebec has often acted like an independent state while enjoying major benefits from the federal government.

With a conservative national government in power in Ottawa, headed by Quebecer Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Quebec has been given unprecedented numbers of government contracts and political concessions and a disproportionate share of federal

grants to pay for public health care and education.

In recent weeks, however, many Canadians have wondered whether Quebec has demanded too high a price to remain part of the confederation.

What brought matters to a head was the Quebec government's decision to ignore a supreme court ruling that struck down a Quebec language law requiring all commercial signs to be written only in French. The liberal government in the province immediately enacted a law that outdoor signs be in French only, although indoor signs could be in French and English.

Quebec employed for the first time a provision of the 1982 constitution — a document it had refused to sign — that gives a province the right to ignore a supreme court ruling for five years.

**Powers**

A 1987 accord granted Quebec even greater powers to promote and protect the rights of French-speaking people in exchange for formally signing the constitution. However, two provinces, Manitoba and New Brunswick, have refused to approve the 1987 accord and it will lapse unless all 10 provinces ratify it by next year.

The accord recognises Quebec as a "distinct society" within Canada, an expression that could lead to many court challenges. It also gave Quebec the right to name 24 of the 90 senators, three out of nine supreme court judges and to create its own provincial immigration policy to maintain its French character.

For a nation of such diverse regions that has survived partly because of its strong central government, the 1987 accord was an astonishing shift in power from the federal government to the provinces.

By John Thor Dahlburg

MOSCOW, (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev has warned Soviet citizens not to expect miracles in 1989, as barren shop shelves and astrology predictions herald another hard year in the building of communism.

Year IV of "perestroika" — Gorbachev's drive to refashion Soviet economy and society — will bring the first national multi-candidate elections in decades and more streamlining in the economy.

But at the dawn of the year, as Moscow shivered in freezing cold, such common items as detergent, bath soap, chicken, coffee, toothpaste, sugar, yeast and candy were hard to find or completely absent from state-run stores for the public.

On Sunday, the Kremlin announced an export ban on goods ranging from caviar to children's shoes, an apparent attempt to hoard chronically scarce Soviet-made products for Soviet consumers.

In his televised New Year's eve message, Gorbachev warned his 285 million countrymen that improvements in their lives would be gradual at best in the coming months, and that there would be no miracles.

**Wrong**

"It is wrong to think, comrades, that somebody will solve our problems for us and that everything around us will change at the wave of a magic wand, with the chime of the clock on New Year's eve," he said.

"We see now that it is essential to act with greater resoluteness," said Gorbachev, Soviet leader since March 1985. "We are not awaiting aid from heaven, knowing well that the burden of unresolved issues is heavy, and our road is difficult."

For some, that message may have seemed distressingly like Gorbachev's forecast at the

By George Boehmer

AURINGEN, West Germany, (AP): Keeping youth down on the farm in an affluent society has always been difficult. In West Germany it's become almost impossible because farming has a reputation as a "no future" occupation, farmers say.

West Germany, among Europe's richest countries with one of the highest standards of living in the world, is facing the harsh reality of losing one of its most productive sectors, the traditional family farm.

In 1949, the year West Germany was founded, there were 1,646,751 farms, many of them tiny by US standards, Agriculture Ministry statistician Peter Neuling says.

"By the end of 1987 there were only 352,800 farms still operating full time, with another 280,200 part-time farmers who held other jobs," Neuling said. "Densely populated and heavily industrialized West Germany has a population of 61.7 million."

The average full-time farm

By Tony Smith

BRAGA, Portugal, (AP): Portugal is trying to clamp down on child labour, a practice that could involve hundreds of thousands of children but which has helped to boost the nation's critically important exports.

Trade unions, however, claim that successive governments, happy to see exports booming, have acted half-heartedly in efforts to restrain child labour. They continue to call on authorities and the influential Roman Catholic church to take more effective action.

In June, the centre-right Social Democratic government increased fines for companies caught employing children and began using more methods of factory inspection.

But the country's main trade union, the General Confederation of Portuguese Workers (CGTP), estimates that firms nationwide still employ some 200,000 children below the minimum working ages of 16 for full-time work and 14 for lighter jobs.

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## Gorbachev and astrology agree

# A hard year lies ahead for Soviets

beginning of 1988, when he said "immense and hard work" lay ahead in his drive for economic change.

The multibillion-dollar (multibillion-dollar) cost of rebuilding areas of northwestern Armenia shattered by the Dec 7 earthquake also will cause more shortages in the economy, particularly in building materials, Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has warned.

**Revenues**

On Jan 1, all 48,000 state-run enterprises in the nation were required to operate on "self-accounting" with their own revenues and without government subsidies that often helped them meet costs and payroll.

The change is a mixed blessing for Soviet managers, some of whom felt initiative constrained under top-heavy centralised control while others valued the freedom from decision-making responsibilities.

**Control**

The managers now are free to negotiate contracts and pursue the once-forbidden goal of making a profit. They also, in theory, may face bankruptcy if they fail. The nation's 130 million workers, too, can theoretically earn more if they produce more. But they also can be laid off now if their factories decide to cut labour costs.

According to Radio Moscow, enterprises that account for 60 per cent of Soviet industrial output have been on "self-accounting" since January 1988. The jury is still out, however, on just what they have gained.

One Soviet economist, Nikolai Shmelov, has said government bureaucrats still exercise effective control over some branches of the economy by issuing 80 per cent and more of their orders they must fill.

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operation is 27.5 hectares (68.75 acres) of land, with part-time farmers working an average of 5.4 hectares (13.5 acres), Neuling said in a telephone interview.

**Most**

Most of the farms that have shut down have done so because of the country's flourishing industry, "which is a sign our economy is strong," Neuling says.

The entire agricultural sector is affected, although big farms have been and continue to fare better than the small family farms, which the big operators have either been buying up or leasing to increase production.

Life-long farmers such as 64-year-old Alfred Kunze say the trend is killing off a rich family farming tradition important to the country's self-sufficiency.

"We're not going to have anyone following in our footsteps, there won't be any experienced young to take over," Kunze told the AP in an interview on Dec 28 at his home

in Auringen about 30 kms (35 miles) west of Frankfurt.

But because of overproduction of farm products throughout Europe, farming has become an increasingly risky business, Kunze admits.

"My son wanted to be a farmer, but I told him to study another business just in case," Kunze said of his 36-year-old son Hubert.

Hubert Kunze is now a computer specialist, who normally works an eight-hour day. "Farmers can't count on eight-hour days," the elder Kunze said.

**Import**

As a member of the European Economic Community (EEC), West Germany must import farm products from other member countries to help balance out industry export sales to them.

The result is that prices for West German farm products are driven down, leaving its farmers with shrinking markets and shrinking pocketbooks, says the 64-year-old Kunze, who still

oversees and works a 3,500-tree fruit farm in Central Hesse state.

West German taxes for socialized medicine, retirement, unemployment and other social benefits also make farming more expensive than in many other West European countries, where labour and overhead are generally cheaper.

**Growth**

That, coupled with customer desires and government restrictions, is causing farmers young and old to lose interest.

Over the years, the sector has increased in other sectors of the country's economy, West German farmers tried to make up for the difference by increasing crop yields and mass-raising of animals on feed enhanced with hormones to speed growth, Kunze said.

Since World War II, use of new fertilizers doubled the production of grains such as wheat, from about 20 double centner — (66.7 bushels) — to more than 40

double centner (133 bushels) per hectare (2.5 acres) of land, he said.

"In addition, to speed up the growth of calves raised to produce light coloured meat for veal, which the customers demand, the animals were fed milk-based products spiked with hormones," Kunze said.

Now, with environmentalists complaining that man-made fertilizers are polluting waterways, and government regulations banning use of hormones in animal feed, the farming outlook has become bleak indeed.

The West German government, in a plan to help out excess farm products, is paying an average of 1,100 marks (\$628) per hectare per year for its farmers to take land out of cultivation.

Under the plan, about 25,200 farmers have applied so far to be paid for taking some 170,000 hectares (68,000 acres) out of production for the 1988-1989 cultivation season.

"This is going to ruin (West German) farmland into fruitless plains," says 60-year-old Klaus Schecke, whose family operates a dairy farm with 70 herd of cattle near Bad Orb, about 40 kms (24 miles) east of Frankfurt.

**Problems**

One of the family's major problems is trying to hire help. Trying to find a young person to learn the farming profession as an apprentice is virtually impossible, Schecke told the AP in an interview.

She placed help wanted ads in the state weekly farm magazine Hessebauer, but to no avail.

"In the latest edition there were 12 advertisements seeking interested apprentices. We checked, there hasn't been a single response. The young see absolutely no future in farming anymore," she said.

Manfred Mammel of Schenk-lengsfeld, 120 kms (72 miles) northeast of Frankfurt, echoes Schecke's opinion.

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In mid-November, Aquino lost most of his right arm while operating an electric saw.

While many children working in family businesses are not mistreated, the CGTP says thousands work unsupervised and without safety equipment in small sweatshops more reminiscent of Southeast Asia than West Europe.

In Braga, one of several industrial towns that nestle among the rolling vineyards of northern Portugal, Archbishop Eurico Nogueira, says the child labour problem stems from "a question of parental mentality."

"The church denounces the problem at every opportunity but child labour is not found in larger factories and this is not serious enough for the church to launch an organised campaign," he said.

Vitor do Vale, the CGTP child labour expert in Braga, thinks factory owners are more to blame than parents.

"Sure, it's a problem of paren-

tal mentality, but these families' income levels are low," he said.

"It's the factory owners who are earning — so who are the criminals?"

"For parents, it's often a question of morality — should they send their kids out to work or to steal?" added Do Vale. He said the church should use its strong influence to change parents' attitudes.

**Death**

Some 30 km (18 miles) from Braga, in a hillside cemetery, a small, grey tombstone reads "Here lies Francisco Jose da Silva." The boy died 11 days before his 14th birthday, crushed to death by an elevator while working in a local sock factory.

"I found him a job because he was doing badly at school, skipping lessons, disappearing to the beach," said his father, Joaquin da Silva. "I thought working would help him off the streets out of trouble, away from drugs."

The archbishop said authorities should raise the school-leaving age from 12 to 16 for all children. Currently, only children who started school after September 1987 have to stay through 16.

The CGTP's Do Vale claims corruption is widespread among factory inspectors, and that honest inspectors are often refused entry into factories.

"Employers often hide kids in the bathroom or send them out the back door when we arrive," said Leonardo de Matos, the nation's chief inspector. "As inspectors are usually known in their area, we've started to rotate inspectors to keep a surprise factor."

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THE warring stars of Bucks Fizz have called a truce and put the group back on the comeback trail.

But there is sometimes still an acid taste to the new bubbly Bucks Fizz. Cheryl Baker said of her old sparring partner Bobby Gee: "He now accepts that I'm an awkward bitch and I accept that he is, shall we say, rather difficult."

Cheryl told me: "A lot of the time when Bobby said something I would automatically disagree whether I was right or not. Bobby was exactly the same, he would argue over silly things just for the sake of it."

She joked: "We still can't stand the sight of one another." That is the way it is for Bucks Fizz these days — all bubble and froth.

## Together

Today the group that knew heartbreak as well as dissent, are happy to be back together after a break of 18 months. They have just recorded four songs and released the LP Bucks Fizz, The Story So Far. Their recent British tour was a huge success and the single Heart of Stone, which they all hope will be a huge hit, was produced in the record time of one hour, 40 minutes and 55 seconds.

But now they think the secret of a peaceful new relationship will be a certain amount of apertness. Cheryl, speaking for the older wiser and raunchier group, explains: "In the early days we lived, breathed, ate and drank together. I won't say slept together, but as good as."

"Being with the group was like a marriage, but probably more intense. By the end of 1986 we were really at each other's throats."

"We never saw it as the end of Bucks Fizz, but we really needed a break and to concentrate on individual projects."

She went on: "It was time to take a short break from the merry-go-round of show business and we all feel much better for it."

And Bobby added: "We are much more laid back than we were. We still work hard, but instead of being in one another's pockets we have a few days off, away from the band. We have had our success and we are not so hungry for it this time. No one will lose any sleep if we

don't make it to the top again."

Despite the long break, they all feel as if they were never really apart. Cheryl, aged 33, explains: "It is quite extraordinary. We just came back together again quite naturally. We have had our quarrels, but at the end of the day we seem to belong together. Everything is just the same."

Everything, that is, apart from Jay Aston, who left the band in 1984 and was replaced by Shelly Preston. The original four — Cheryl, Jay, Mike Nolan and Bobby — shot to fame in 1981 as winners of the Eurovision song contest with Making Your Mind Up. Critics predicted they would be one hit wonders like many of their predecessors. But against all the odds and bad publicity, the band did not fizzle out.

Troubles

The group's troubles began four years ago when they were involved in a horrific road smash. Mike suffered severe brain damage and he still suffers from depression.

Weeks later, Jay sold a kiss-and-tell story about her affair with manager Nicholas Martin's husband Andy Hill. This was followed by a legal battle in which Jay succeeded in freeing herself from a recording contract with Nicholas's company.

She left the group and sexy singer Shelly Preston took her place, but by the end of 1986 the pop had gone out of the top group. That year they only had one top ten hit, New Beginnings. Two other singles just scraped into the top fifty. Tempers were also frayed by Cheryl and Bobby arguing non-stop. The years of touring were beginning to take their toll.

"Bobby, a happy family man

who is renovating a farmhouse in Cornwall, was the one who called a halt. He explains: "We were going nowhere. We spent more time arguing than recording and touring."

Many fans were sure it was the end, but Bobby stresses that Bucks Fizz never really split up. During the 18 months break they still saw each other to work out money matters, attend charity events and socialise, but no-one will take the credit for bringing Bucks Fizz back on the road again.

Cheryl says: "Our manager would be constantly ringing us up saying, 'What do you want to do? Would you like to tour again?' And eventually we must have all said yes at once, which is a miracle."

Enthusiasm

So what keeps the frothy four still bubbling with enthusiasm? Bobby explains: "I think deep down it's friendship. Although we never came together originally through being friends, we have since spent a lot of time together. There is a lot of loyalty."

But if the crunch came and Cheryl had to choose between her television career and singing, the band would always come first. She says: "Whatever I do, Bucks Fizz remains my first love. There is no real age limit for working on television, but being in a band is different. That is something that might not go on for much longer. There is an age limit, so I want to enjoy it while it's still here."

"I also find that being up there on stage, doing it again, is just great."

The others all admit that they started touring again because they need the money. Mike says: "Of course you need to work. You don't make money

from records unless you're very lucky. We make our money from going out there performing."

But what each band member likes about touring again is the fun they are all having. Cheryl says: "We're having a marvellous time. It's great. They are touring Britain again in April 1989 and are excited

about breaking into the American music scene."

Bobby explains: "The plans are all very sketchy at the moment but we have made contact with a few music companies. We'll just have to wait and see. We're in no hurry."

Everyone agrees that Bucks Fizz has matured. Yet, looking back, not one member would

have missed the group's growing pains for the world.

Cheryl says: "Apart from a few events, like crashing through bus windows, we wouldn't change the past few years for anything."

"We've had some fun times and we intend to have many more. We're determined not to give up."

## A new peaceful relationship for 1989

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The reunited Bucks Fizz: (left to right) Bobby Gee, Cheryl Baker, Mike Nolan and Shelly Preston.

## Soap opera duet tops British chart

LONDON, (AP): The stars of the Australian soap opera Neighbours, Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan, rose to the top of the British pop singles chart with their hit Especially For You this week.

Erasure's Crackers International stepped up from third to second place on the chart, while Good Life by Inner City rose a notch as well from fourth to third place.

The only newcomer to the top 10 was Loco in Acapulco by the four tops, up from 12th to 7th place.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

## Top Ten UK

1. (2) Especially for You —

Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan (PWL).

2. (3) Crackers International — Erasure (Mute).

3. (4) Good Life — Inner City (10 records).

4. (5) Suddenly — Angry Anderson (Food for Thought).

5. (7) Buffalo Stance — Neneh Cherry (Circa).

6. (1) Mistletoe and Wine — Cliff Richard (EMI).

7. (12) Loco in Acapulco — Four Tops (Arista).

8. (10) Fine Time — New Order (Factory).

9. (6) Burning Bridges — Status Quo (Vertigo).

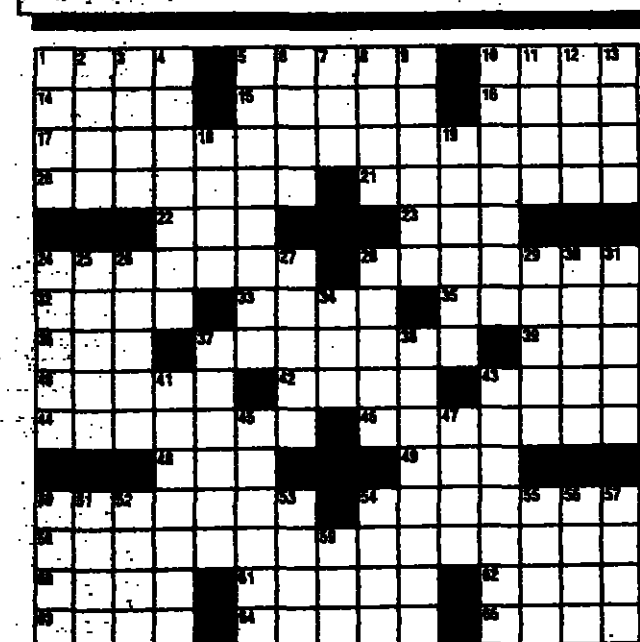
10. (8) Cat Among the Pigeons — Bros (CBS).

Note: The US top 10 music chart is not available this week because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.



Jason Donovan and Kylie Minogue: No. 1 in UK this week

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Hacks
  5. Musical sign
  10. Mosel River feeder
  14. Earthenware vessel
  15. Pinkish shade
  16. Pound, the poet
  17. Creator of the March family
  20. Arranged in threes
  21. Boas for milady
  22. A pharaoh, for short
  23. Art uncle, to Robert Bruce
  24. Not as grandiose
  28. Members of the fourth estate
  32. Shearwater
  33. Route
  35. Where Kathmandu is capital
  36. TV actor Robert
  37. Certain empress
  39. — is la
  40. Fragrant wood
  42. Chinese: Comb. form
  43. Emulate Tom?
  44. Splendid
  46. Lives in
  48. Commune of the Netherlands
  49. High, craggy hill
  50. Headdressers, at times
  54. "Baby, it's Cold —"
  58. Creator of "Sister Carrie"
  60. Isles off the Galway's coast
  61. Animate
  62. Dross of metal
  63. Fortified town of old
- DOWN**
84. Rhône river feeder
  65. Koppel's namesakes
  1. Young animal
  2. Cosmetics
  3. Ingredient
  4. Becomes hazy
  5. Holy
  6. Spreads about one's hat
  7. Goddess of vengeance
  8. Aldo and Miland
  9. Set
  10. Put in a hiding place
  11. Sea of —
  12. Commedia dell'—
  13. The problem in Hamelin
  18. Browning poem: 1855
  19. Thin plate
  24. Sugar's partner
  25. Stopover for a tourist
  26. Terminal of a cell
  27. Take over the coals
  28. Village near Minneapolis
  29. Made a selection
  30. Street show
  31. Insults
  34. Actress Meyer of "Kate and Alice"
  37. Made a swap
  38. Piano piece
  41. Everlasting
  43. Continue
  45. Oil made from orange blossoms
  47. Pigeon's home
  50. Attempt
  51. Way lead-in
  52. Calendar period
  53. Times of respect in India
  54. River into the Baltic
  55. Capri
  56. Devoid of excitement
  57. Work units
  59. Actress Arden

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

STOW TARRAIS MOM  
TABI ARMORY EKE  
EXIT SEAMAN LAD  
WITCHHAZEL TOPO  
HORDE IRONIC  
PESETA TANG  
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SLAB SPURS LAIVE  
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ONTO ASSERT  
ARROYO SHREW  
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## PLAY TO THE END

Both vulnerable. South deals.

## NORTH

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ Q 6 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A 7 3

WEST

♠ 6

♥ 10 9 8 7 5

♦ Q 8 2

♣ Q 10 9 6

EAST

♠ Q 10 4

♥ J 4 3

♦ 10 9 6 3

♣ J 8 4

## SOUTH

♠ K J 9 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A J 7

♣ K 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

Which would you rather take:

The percentage play in a suit, or a

sure-trick line that will deliver the

whole kit and caboodle? The two

can be mutually exclusive.

North's jump to three no trump,

by partnership agreement, showed a

balanced forcing raise in spades.

With so many prime cards and first-

or second-round control of every

suit, South decided that there

should be reasonable play for slam,

and he got there by the most direct

route.

This hand cropped up in a team

game, and the slam was bid at both

tables. At once, declarer won the

heart lead and cashed the ace-king

of trumps. When he discovered he

had a trump loser, he fell back on

the diamond finesse for his slam.

That failed, and declarer moaned

about his bad "luck."

At the other table, declarer

proved that fortune had nothing to

do with it. He won the heart lead

and cashed his remaining high

heart. A trump to the ace provided

the entry to dummy for declarer to

take a club discard on the queen of

hearts.

King, ace and a club ruff com-

pleted the groundwork for an end-

play. Declarer crossed to the king of

diamonds and led a trump. When

East produced the ten, declarer

finessed the jack, not caring whether

it won or lost.

If it won, declarer would be on a

diamond finesse for an overtrick. If

it lost, all the trumps would be out

and West would find himself in an

unenviable position. A diamond

lead would be into declarer's tenace;

a heart or club lead would permit a

ruff-suff. Either way, the slam

would be in the bag.



"Remember the good old days when the railway porter used to put down a little wooden step to help you get off the train?"

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
Something you have been learning will suddenly click into place. You will be better able to control your emotions. You should do everything possible to maintain harmony with your partner. Be less gloomy.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
The less favourable planetary influences will tend to make you fire rather more easily. Try to adapt to circumstances and not to protest against the inevitable. Take better care of your health: eat a sensible diet. Be tolerant.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will be able to pursue your cultural interests. You will tire rather easily so do not overexert yourself. Make sure you get enough rest and sufficient exercise. Be frank.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
The Moon's better influence will help you to deal with a personal problem. You should not expect others to be at your bid and call. Try to spend more time reading. Be less obstinate.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will be in quite a good mood and better able to face up to reality. Something one of your children is doing will not be quite to your liking. You will have something personal to be pleased about. Be reasonable.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You will find it rather hard to make up your mind, but in the end you will reach the right decision. You should not allow work to take up all your time and mental energy.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**  
This is going to be a good day for you. You should not allow a friendly discussion to degenerate into an argument. Do not think you are the only one with the right answers. Be tactful.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will feel rather more sure of yourself. You should not devote too much time to dealing with a secondary matter. Make sure that you are suitably dressed for the climate and occasion. Be loving.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
Make sure you are not in too much of a hurry: better late in this than eagerly in the next world. You should leave yourself a little more room for manoeuvre. Do not do anything that will involve a high expense. Be moderate.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
This is going to be an interesting and important day for you. You will know just what to do in the circumstances. You will be able to keep your spirits high. Be fair.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will have plenty of energy but you must ensure you are heading in the right direction too. When driving make sure you do not exceed speed limits or break parking restrictions. Do not be afraid to show your gratitude. Be generous.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You will be proved right but should not boast about it. Make sure you drive with all the care and attention that is needed. Try to rely on yourself, less on others. Be sensible.



## Changing with the times

## A revised view of apartheid

Alan Paton, South African crusader against apartheid, adopts a more moderate tone in the second volume of his biography, published after his death last year.

By Merle Rubin

IN 1948, the year his first novel, *Cry, the Beloved Country*, was published, Alan Paton was a voice crying in the wilderness. The principal of the Diepkloof Reformatory for black juvenile delinquents was one of a handful of prophets calling attention to the plight of South Africa's black majority at the very moment the Afrikaner Nationalists finally came to power and started fulfilling their dream of apartheid.

By the time of his death — April 12, 1988 — his political position was significantly to the right of most of his fellow critics of apartheid: Paton was not only opposed to the idea of a violent revolutionary struggle, but also spoke out, passionately and eloquently, against the Western strategies of disinvestment and economic sanctions.

Did Paton change over those four decades, or did he stand fast while times changed around him? Perhaps a little of each. "Journey Continued," the second and final volume of his autobiography ("Towards the Mountain" appeared in 1980), covers this period in his life. To some extent, Paton himself believed he had changed. "I must say that in 1954 I was more inclined to identify politics with morality than I am today (1987)," he reflects. As an older man, he felt less outraged by the particular injustices of his native land — perhaps because he'd lost his fervour, perhaps because he began to take a broader, almost timeless and placeless perspective on life, death, human history, and the universe. But in other respects, a certain consistency emerges: a lifelong patriotism, a loathing of violence, and a conviction that "punishment is not the way to make people behave better," but that punishment for wayward youths or sanctions against reprobate nations.

Distressed For all that Paton's rightward drift distressed many of his former friends and allies and led a younger generation of radicalized blacks (and whites) to dismiss him out of hand, he can still convey, as few other writers can, the gross indecency of the racial injustices he fought



Alan Paton: his rightward drift distressed many of his friends and allies

against so long. Looking back, as he does in this strongly written book, on the years of that struggle, he becomes outraged anew by the unfairness, and his writing takes on power from his rekindled emotions.

Firmly anticommunist himself (he does a fine job of encapsulating the reasons for the natural antipathy he's observed between liberals and communists), Paton is scathing about the much-vaunted anti-communism of the South African government: "It was not the totalitarian nature of communism that was abhorrent to the Afrikaner Nationalist; he was to become a pretty good totalitarian himself. What he abhorred was the supposedly egalitarian nature of the communist State."

Paton also writes movingly of what he calls the most shameful of all acts committed in South Africa by people who have power against those who have none: the forced removal of nonwhites (Africans, Coloureds, Indians, East Asians) from land, farms, homes, and businesses they legally owned, in order to excise these "black spots" from areas the government chose to designate "white."

Morality was the keystone of Paton's parallel careers in literature and politics. As a writer, he found himself "incapable of writing a story that does not have an emotional and moral quality." It was his religious faith (he was a devout Anglican) that led

him to politics. Ironically, as he must "honestly and reluctantly" confess, he was to experience "the joy of fully non-racial fellowship," not in his beloved church, but in the political party he helped found.

Much of this book is devoted to the story of the Liberal Party of South Africa, started in 1953 and disbanded in 1968, when it chose to dissolve rather than submit to a government ban on multiracial parties. Aside from the Communist Party, it had been the only multiracial party in the country. Paton elucidates the principles that held the party together — belief in democracy, tolerance, non-violence, and the rule of law — while vividly recounting the disputes between more radical Liberals (who believed in always taking the principled stand) and more pragmatic Liberals (who preferred to moderate their demands for goals like one man, one vote, in the hope of broadening the party's appeal to the whites-only South African electorate).

Intriguing While politics and the Liberal Party are at the heart of this book, Paton also describes his involvement in the world of religion. There are intriguing accounts of ecumenical conferences he attended and insightful, if idiosyncratic, portraits of leading figures like Paton's personal hero, Reinhold Niebuhr. Paton also tells what was like to find himself a world-famous author, plunged

into the realms of theatre and moviemaking with the demand for adaptations of his "Cry, the Beloved Country." Paton was a man who loved words, and in this book he reveals how much writing meant to him.

Looking ahead, Paton's vision of his country's future is clouded, even confused. The prophetic power he possessed was not of the sort that pretends to be able to predict the future, but closer to the biblical sort that sees the present for what it is and tries to warn people before it is too late. This parable about the difficulties of persuading his fellow white South Africans to change sounds a note characteristic of Paton's simplicity — and his depth:

I went to my brother and said, "Brother a man is knocking at the door." My brother said, "Is he a friend or enemy?" "I have asked him," I said, "but he replies that you will not know until you have opened the door."

There you are, my brother. You will never know if the man outside is a friend or an enemy until you open the door. But if you do not open the door, you can be sure what he will be. "That was written in 1959," Paton remarks. "This is now 1987. But my brother still has not opened the door."

Journey Continued: an autobiography by Alan Paton 1988 The Christian Science Monitor.

## Losing one's way in India

By Geoffrey Moorhouse

THE taxi driver wore a hairnet and had a pointed beard and a short pony tail tied with a white ribbon. I thought he might be a Sikh, since my guidebook described them as looking like that.

It's a promising start, which might lead us into almost anything, from the brisk escalations of a whodunit to the labyrinthine complexities of something that didn't quite make the Booker Prize. The ending, 92 pages later, is opaque; and we are left pondering some bits and pieces of illusion.

Westerner arrives in India, in search of an acquaintance with whom he has no distinct relationship. He follows rumours of the man's presence, always one step behind, from Bombay to Madras across the width of South India, before coming to terms with unreality in Goa. From time to time he falls asleep and dreams, and in these hallucinations he picks up the clues that point him to the next stage of his progress.

In them, too, we are tantalised by the elusive character of Xavier, who becomes Janata Pinto, later to be transmogrified into Mr Nightingale, who is not so very different from the pursuing Roux. Evidently this is shorthand for Roussion, which is Portuguese for nightingale. Ah, the Goa connexion!

India does not seem to be in the least necessary to Tabucchi's meagre plot, which might have been unravelled in a corner of Greece, or France, or Italy, or almost anywhere. But, as someone says, "A lot of people lose their way in India: it's a country specially made for that." Which is true: also that "Being an atheist is the worst possible curse in India." This small fable is about losing the way, somewhere along the margins of unbelief.

Some delicately deft strokes — the author has been well served by his translator — capture the Indian moments perfectly: the luxury hotel, the red light district of Bombay, the country bus that stops for hours in the middle of nowhere. There's a sadhu venerated for his potency, though he has fathered nothing. And a monstrously deformed child who survives on fortune-telling, from whom Roux seeks a reading of his own karma. But he is turned down because "it isn't possible; you are someone else." This is as far as Tabucchi is willing to take us in his fragile and indistinct miniature.

Indian Nocturne by Antonio Tabucchi, trans Tim Parks (Chatto £10.95).



Fondness for ridiculing all sorts of authority: Spike Milligan, one of Britain's best-loved comedians

## Blowing comedy apart

By Patrick Catling

TERENCE Alan Milligan has been postwar Britain's most influential comedian. As the writer and one of the principal performers of *The Goon Show*, he even influenced the comic sense of the heir to the throne. According to John Cleese, this country's current top-ranking comedian at the cinema box-office, "Milligan is the great God of us all."

An energetic, moderately successful traditional jazz trumpet-player, he was nicknamed Spike after Spike Jones and his City Slickers, who did for American popular music what Spike did for British comedy — blew it apart with shrill, explosive disrespect. Spike put our comedy together again in an original shape which has been compared with surrealism.

He is authentically manic, with direct access to the bizarre images of his teeming subconscious, which he combines in spontaneous free-association. His imitators only feign madness.

Ideal "I dreamt I was condemned to death for something," Spike typically recounts, "and before my execution they said, 'Oh, you have to eat this chocolate elephant.' And I was eating this huge chocolate elephant which was in the well of the court — it was so big that I had to get up a ladder to eat it." This sort of fantasy could be, and possibly was, a ready-made Milligan TV script.

Dominic Behan is Spike's ideal biographer, with a highly-developed Celtic fondness for ridiculing all sorts of authority.

This small, satisfactory work is conversationally informal, sympathetic and funny. There are few jokes but much strangely bent humour.

A friend of his subject for 30 years, he knows him well enough to evoke a lot of bright, candid, confessional talk from him, and quotes him at length, in emphatic italics.

Like many other Irishmen in hard times, Spike's great-grandfather "took the shilling" and joined the British Army, thus establishing a family habit. Spike's father was unromantically mercenary in his attitude to military service. As a quartermaster-sergeant in India during the wars, he fully mastered the art of supplying himself with free champagne.

When Spike was born in Poona in 1918, Indian servants waited on the family, who were naturally gratified, although they deplored servitude.

Series Spike has told of his own arduous six years of voluntary wartime service in the Army in a series of autobiographical books. *Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall* and the rest of them amusingly recorded some very unamusing experiences that may partly explain his fervent opposition to blood sports.

His feelings about the folly of warfare are often expressed with deceptive lightness, as in this dialogue: Private soldier: "Sir, we've been attacked by the enemy! Lieutenant: Don't worry, he's allowed to. Just make sure you get his number."

The war wounded Spike physically and mentally, causing the first of the black depressions that have alternated with

his periods of exuberant high spirits. As Behan puts it in a characteristic paradox, "due to overwork and family stress he had the occasional breakdown to stop him going round the bend."

Speaking of Peter Sellers, Spike said: "He was very nice and very strange. Quite mad. He and [Sir Harry] Secombe were mad. They said I was mad but I was the only one with a reason."

Obscurity Spike finds comfort in obscurity. "He doesn't want a religion made easy," Behan says, "because he can't have complete faith in a belief he fully comprehends."

The book includes interesting passages on Spike's opinions of other comedians, as comedians and as people off-stage. He found that Tony Hancock was "insufferable." Tommy Cooper "could floor Milligan by just walking on the stage." He thinks Dame Edna Everage is "one of theatre's treasures."

Though Behan's style is casual and unapologetically biased, he offers many revealing facts as well as opinions. He lists all Spike's numerous publications and his performances on TV, radio and records and in films. There are some nice photographs, most notably one of Spike praying, genuflecting before two "sacred potatoes" on the pavement outside Number 10, and, of course, one with his admirer Prince Charles.

MILLIGAN: the Life and Times of Spike Milligan by Dominic Behan. Methuen, 1988, £11.95

## Poetry set to a reggae beat

his early poems for performance only, and needed help with writing and spelling when he came to write them down. "I'm not the best reader and writer," he said.

He has two published collections, *Pen Rhythm* and *The Dread Affair*, as well as several plays and a number of records. On a recent visit to a school in Ormskirk — a small market town with few black residents — Zephaniah recited some of his most controversial poems to an audience of enthusiastic pupils and slightly nervous teachers.

In *The Day Dat I Met Lady Di*, he blasted racism in an account of a visit to Brixton — a largely black area of south London — by the Princess of Wales.

"And there she stood with this young black brother and dis white man lover. You're a black man lover. She said you see us royalty, stand for racial equality, we want to see you bright and healthy, not too powerful, not too wealthy, and if your people have a problem, tell my husband he will solve them."

Enthusiasts say Zephaniah — who holds Rastafarian

beliefs in the divinity of former Ethiopian leader Haile Selassie and Africa's destiny as a home for the black race — has played a leading role in a crusade to widen poetry's appeal in the materialistic Britain of the 1980s.

"People want to find some other voice to express a lot of the kind of things that get lost in the world we live in at the moment," said Maura Dooley of the South Bank literature section, a new London arts venture on the bank of the River Thames.

"I think poetry's always been a subversive art form. If you go and listen to performance poetry, a lot of it will be overtly political."

Young racially mixed audiences are flocking to performances in cities like London, Manchester, Birmingham and Bradford organised by agencies such as London-based Apples and Snakes.

Apples and Snakes encourages radical experiments blending poetry with reggae, jazz, cabaret, dance and other mediums and exploding conventional narrow views of poetry.

"We stretch poetic licence as far as it will go... we want to get away from this elitist, highly literary aura that poetry has," said co-ordinator Paul Beasley.

At the same time, experts say they see signs of a healthier interest in more conventional poetry, with more radio and television coverage, new initiatives in schools and more poetry included in publishers' lists.

## Tales from a bygone era

By Anthony Rhodes

IN 1868, when the Suez Canal was opened, the vast Ottoman Empire stretched from the Danube to the Arabian Gulf, from Tripoli to Trebizond.

Yet within 80 years its rulers, the Ottoman sultans and their Khedives, had disappeared; the Near and Middle East was divided into the dozen or so independent republics we see today. How did it happen? In this lucid account of the decline Philip Mansel explains.

The Suez Canal, built largely by European capital and initiative, brought the European powers and their technical skills on to the scene. By 1910 they had occupied Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco (the latter never an Ottoman province) and

European traders had penetrated everywhere from Kabul to Casablanca. But while Europe was making its spectacular industrial advance in the second half of the 19th Century, the Sultan's Empire remained static. Constitutional monarchy on European lines was unknown. The Sultan was still omnipotent. "God's Shadow on Earth."

Still, the principal task of his Grand Vizier was, "to see to the Sultan's ablutions, his tea, bedding and prayer-mats," and to maintain "a constant supply of beautiful and healthy Circassian girls for the palace." (One can hardly envisage Lord Salis-

bury at this time doing the same or Edward VII.)

What were the sultans to do about it? A few reacted by clinging to the old traditions, refusing any contact with Europe or technical advance. But most of them in the first years of the 20th Century made serious attempts at modernising, building railways, contemporary architecture and encouraging industry.

Sometimes this modernising had curious side-effects. The Sultan Abdul Aziz who ascended the Cherifian throne in 1900 became so infatuated with European inventions, such as anaesthesia and the bicycle, that he ordered a fleet of the

latter, and spent hours pedalling furiously around the palace gardens with his war minister. He obtained chloroform from France, with which he put his entire harem to sleep. He also chloroformed one of the palace lions.

Fascinated One Khedive was so fascinated by photography that he ignored the Islamic injunction against the representation of the human form, and installed a court photographer to portray his harem in various postures.

King Ghazi of Jordan was so taken with electricity that he ran a current through the art objects in his palace, so that visitors received a shock if they



So taken with electricity: King Ghazi of Jordan

picked them up. (On the other hand, electricity filled one sultan with such alarm that he refused to install it in his palace because he confused the words dynamo and dynamite).

Mansel has little to say in favour of the European "Protectors," most of whose Pro-Consuls appear to have been insensible and arrogant. Of Lord Cromer's rule in Egypt he says (about a man generally regarded in England as the paragon of colonial administrators), that he never bothered to learn more Arabic than was necessary to bellow, "Wala! Koura! Boy! Ball!" to the urchins on the Beira Club tennis-court.

There are three major conditions that mimic hip disease. These include pain caused by pressure on nerve roots, trochanteric bursitis (affects the upper part of the hip bone) and vascular insufficiency.

Hip disease treatments usually are conservative and use medication to reduce the pain for as long as patients can tolerate the discomfort and inconvenience. Using a cane can help relieve some of the pressure from your hip and reduce the pain.

Though I would love to be a "miracle doctor" for you and my other readers, it simply can't be done by answering a question in this column. In cases such as yours, only the careful examination by a caring physician can start you on the road to relief.

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## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: Please help. I am a senior citizen and can't always afford medical care. Perhaps you can diagnose my problem. What could cause terrible pains in my hip?

ANSWER: That's a difficult diagnosis to make based on so little information. There are many causes of hip pain, and unfortunately many of them mimic each other. Even with modern technology, accurate diagnoses still rely on careful examination and observation by your physician. X-rays are helpful but many causes relate to the soft tissues that surround your hip joint. All possibilities must be considered carefully when searching for the cause of your pain.

Before we discuss some of the possible origins of your pain, here's a quick description of the hip itself. It is the only true ball-and-socket joint in the human body and the largest joint except for the knee. It is a major source of symptoms of pains in several parts of the body including the back, legs and buttocks.

When you take a step or rise from a sitting position, a force of 2.5 to 3 times the weight of the body is exerted to the weight-bearing

dome of the hip. So, our hips take a "beating" as we live long lives.

Arthritis is immediately suspected when a patient goes to a doctor complaining of pain in the hip area. But there are many clinical conditions that can affect, or be affected, by the hip that do not stem from arthritis. Nevertheless, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis are diagnosed in more than 90 per cent of such cases.

The most common causes of hip pain after a fall or some other trauma are fractures. Other possibilities include synovitis (tissue inflammation), necrosis (death of cells in the lining of joints) and avascular necrosis (death of cells caused by a deficiency of blood supply).

Occult (difficult to see) fractures most frequently occur in elderly patients with osteoporosis. They are more common in women than they are in men and usually follow a rather minor fall. Avascular necrosis happens in all ages and may result from huge corticosteroid intake, excessive alcohol consumption, drugs that cause the

## HIP PAIN COULD BE CAUSED BY MANY AILMENTS

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By Smith

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DO YOU KNOW HIM, MISSUS?

I DO, DEAR. I'M A RELATIVE OF HIS.

IN FACT, I KNOW HIM SO WELL THAT I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO HIM FOR YEARS.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Global trade accelerates sharply

## World economic growth in '88 fastest since '84

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 6, (AP) — The world economy grew at a faster rate during 1988 than at any time since 1984, according to a UN report released yesterday.

Growth was expected to continue at a lower rate, in the short-term, it said.

The performance of the world economy, it says, "stands in sharp contrast to the atmosphere of pessimism that prevailed a year ago."

Undermining this prosperity, however, is a widening gap between countries which are growing and those which are not. A quarter of the world's people live in countries where per capita real income fell in 1988, the report says.

### Imbalances

The growth of world trade accelerated more sharply, from five per cent in 1987 to about seven per cent in 1988.

But it warns that trade imbalances among the major developed countries, the fiscal

deficit of the United States and the external debt of developing countries, together with fluctuating foreign exchange and interest rates, continued to threaten efforts to stabilise the world economy.

The report says energy-exporting developing countries suffered a large loss of export earnings as oil prices declined by about 20 per cent during the year. Terms of trade also turned sharply against them, eroding their real income and import capacity.

### Higher

In contrast, prices of non-fuel primary commodities increased substantially in nominal terms in 1988 and this benefited a large number of developing countries as well as developed country exporters.

Commodity prices in the first 10 months of 1988 were about 19 per cent higher in dollar terms than in the same period the previous year. Prices of manufactures were 10 per cent higher in the first half of the year than in the same period in 1987.

However, despite this improvement, commodity prices in real terms remained about 30 per cent lower than the average for 1979-81.

Most of the improvement in world output came from developed market economies which are experiencing their longest period of expansion since World War II. The growth rate was four per cent in 1988 compared with 3.3 in 1987. Most countries shared in the improvement. The United States grew by just under four per cent (3.4 per cent in 1987); Japan by 5.8 per cent (4.2 per cent in 1987) and West Germany by three per cent, up from 1.8 per cent.

### Improved

Developing countries as a group showed little improvement in 1988. The gap between rich and poor countries widened. Gross domestic product (GDP) in these countries (excluding China) grew by 2.9 per cent (2.7 per cent in 1987) against a population increase of

2.2 per cent. Real per capita income remained constant and below the 1959 level.

In the socialist countries of Eastern Europe, growth rates improved in 1988. Net material product increased by an estimated 4.5 per cent in 1988, up from 2.6 per cent in 1987. There was a similar increase in the growth of industrial output. Agricultural production also improved in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European states.

Underpinning the expansion in most developed countries was a significant increase in investment, the report says. Inflation was lower as a result of conservative monetary policies and subdued commodity prices. Volatility in major currencies resulted from concern over trade imbalances and the United States budget deficit.

Many developing countries fell victim to natural disasters in 1988 which particularly affected agricultural output and the GDP, it says. Floods devastated

Bangladesh and the Sudan, while locust infestations in North Africa and the Sahel region caused the loss of up to a million tons of cereal, and hurricanes damaged the economies of Jamaica and Nicaragua.

Some of the largest developing countries, notably Brazil and Mexico, failed to grow, the report says. At the same time, India expanded rapidly — by eight per cent compared with 2.2 per cent in 1987. Indonesia (4.8 per cent in 1988 and 4.2 per cent in 1987) and Pakistan (5.4 per cent in 1988 and 6.2 per cent in 1987) also continued to do well.

### Recovery

After a mild recovery in the mid-1980s, growth in Latin America and the Caribbean fell from 2.5 per cent in 1987 to 0.3 per cent last year, it says. Ten Latin American countries — Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela — are among the 15 most heavily indebted nations. In 1988, about 40 per cent of their export income

was spent on servicing external debts.

In Africa, the report says, population growth outpaced economic growth, and per capita output fell for the eighth consecutive year. The region as a whole grew by 2.4 per cent in 1988, up from 1.1 per cent in 1987, largely as the result of an increase in agricultural output.

The total foreign debt of developing countries now exceeds \$1.30 trillion, it states. Capital-importing countries spent 20 per cent of export earnings on debt servicing costs in 1988, lower than in 1986 but unchanged from 1987.

Between 1984 and 1987, developing countries, most of them Latin American, each year transferred some \$20 billion more to developed countries in amortization, interest and transfer of investment income than they received in new funds, seriously depleting their capacity to grow. The net amount transferred in 1988 could have been as high as \$26 billion.

## World Business Summary

### Indonesia may export gas from Natuna Islands

JAKARTA, Jan 6, (OPECNA) — Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Gimandjar Kartasasmita said here yesterday that the government was considering the possibility of exporting natural gas from the Natuna Islands, believed to have abundant gas reserves. The minister said the ministry was conducting a marketing study, with special emphasis on countries which were expected to buy the gas. He said the plan to export natural gas was intended to expand the world-wide marketing of Indonesian gas and increase exports. He said also that there was the possibility of enhancing the export volume of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Earlier, director-general for oil and gas Sayitno Patmosukisno said here that Singapore was one of the countries interested in purchasing a large volume of natural gas from the Natuna Islands. Discussions between Indonesian and Singapore officials have taken place on several occasions to determine the volume of the gas to be supplied and the installation of a gas pipeline from the Natuna Islands to Singapore. If agreement is reached on this point, the project will probably have to be financed by both governments, according to informed sources. Singapore's interest in importing natural gas from Natuna was first expressed by Second Deputy Prime Minister Ong Teng Cheong in 1987 during a meeting with the then Minister of Mines and Energy, Dr Subroto (now OPEC secretary-general). Singapore also plans to import natural gas from Malaysia to generate power plants and industrial factories. Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed signed a memorandum of understanding in June 1988 on the supply of natural gas from Malaysia to Singapore.

### Britain, Japan lead '88 record year for mergers in US

NEW YORK, Jan 6, (AP) — Corporate takeover activity in the United States hit a record 3,310 completed transactions worth \$282.4 billion last year, a leading financial information service reported. Statistics released on Wednesday by IDD Information Services showed a large share belonged to foreign investors which, encouraged by a weaker dollar, snapped up 325 US companies valued at \$54.8 billion, a 30 per cent increase over the \$42.3 billion spent in 1987. British companies spent \$20.7 billion on US firms, while Japanese investors increased their buying activity by 1,000 per cent, spending \$10.4 billion on 35 acquisitions in the United States. Canada was the third most active foreign country in the US takeover market, buying 50 American companies valued at \$9.9 billion. IDD statistics showed the 1988 level of takeover action in the US rose 28.6 per cent over the 1987 level and 14.3 per cent over the \$247.1 billion in transactions completed in 1986, the previous record year. Leveraged buyout activity remained strong despite predictions of a slowdown in this debt-financed takeover tactic, IDD said. In a leveraged buyout, or LBO, a buyer borrows most of the purchase money and pledges as collateral the target company's assets, earnings or a combination of both. IDD said 119 LBOs were completed in 1988 with a value of \$37.7 billion. In addition, IDD said 165 LBOs worth \$80.4 billion, including the record \$25-billion deal for RJR Nabisco Inc. were announced during the year, suggesting 1989 will be an active year as well. The value of successful tender offers for public companies increased to \$107.2 billion, nearly 70 per cent higher than the \$63.5 billion in completed tender offers in 1987, IDD said.

## Move to boost economy

## Jordan turns to high-technology joint ventures

AMMAN, Jan 6, (Reuters) — Jordan, seeking to lift its economy out of the doldrums, is turning to high-technology joint ventures to export goods ranging from helicopters to date palms and services such as jet engine and hospital maintenance.

A newly formed private company seeking to promote the kingdom as an Arab centre for technology transfer and maintenance services has a finger in all these projects.

### Sought

The Jordan Technology Group (JTG) was set up in September with the blessing of Crown Prince Hassan. He sees Jordan as a Singapore-style staging post between Europe and the Arab world, South Asia and East Asia, using its geographical position and well-educated work-

force to make up for scarce natural resources.

JTG's chief executive Amin Badr El Din told Reuters the group sought to lure foreign companies interested in a maintenance, distribution and marketing base in the Middle East.

He said the depreciation of the dinar, which lost about a third of its exchange value last year, meant Jordan could offer highly skilled labour at low man-hour cost.

JTG is going ahead with six projects with foreign companies and is considering or negotiating a dozen others. The six are: ● A joint venture with Schweizer Aircraft Corp of New York to assemble turbine helicopters for export to the Middle East and Europe. The first of the three-seater aircraft should

be ready by February 1990. The 50-50 Schweizer Jordan Group, using facilities at Amman's old Marka airport, plans to make 25 a year at first and sell them at \$350,000 a piece. It may also start assembling crop-spraying aircraft this year.

### Software

● A joint venture with GES of Singapore to assemble personal computers, make components and develop software. Sales are to start in March. GES has 40 per cent of the \$300,000 capital, with the rest split between JTG and the Royal Scientific Society.

● A joint venture with the California-based Esagenetics to produce date palms by tissue culture. Middle East demand for date palms is high because of the destruction in the Iran-Iraq war of the world's biggest date plan-

tation near the southern Iraqi port of Basra.

● A jet engine overhaul and maintenance facility to be part of a 100 million franc (\$16.6 million) offset element in a Jordanian order last year of Mirage 2000 fighters from France. Talks are under way with the three contractors, Snecma, Thomson CSF and Dassault. Royal Jordanian Airline and the Jordanian Air Force will play a major role, with a small share for JTG.

### Involved

● An agreement with the US firm Service-Master Middle East to bid jointly for electronic maintenance contracts, mainly for hospitals. The Royal Scientific Society is also involved in the project which started up last month.

## Labour dispute hits banks

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan 6, (AP) — Hundreds of people jostled for service from cashiers today as banks on this Mediterranean island opened for just 90 minutes following a two-day shut-down because of a labour dispute.

The Bankers' Association warned that a lock-out will be declared on Saturday if the Bank Workers' Union continues its go-slow action, rejecting arbitration by the Ministry of Labour.

The union contends that since its dispute concerns only one of the island's five main commercial banks, the National Bank of Greece, the association cannot call a lock-out.

The union said the banks would open for 90 minutes again on Thursday, from 8:30-10 am (0630-0830 GMT), but would stay closed on Friday because of a religious holiday.

## Manufacturing productivity rises

## US jobless rate dips to 5.3pc

WASHINGTON, Jan 6, (AP) — The US civilian unemployment rate dropped back to a 14-year low of 5.3 per cent in December, with service-producing industries leading the way in the creation of 279,000 new jobs, the government reported today.

The jobless rate dropped 0.1 percentage point from November, reaching 5.3 per cent for the third time in 1988, the Labour Department said in its final unemployment report of the Ronald Reagan presidency.

In its year-end report, the department reported that 3,798,000 jobs were created in 1988, the most since 1984, when employers reporting adding 3.95 million people to their payrolls.

Janet Norwood, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, said three million of the new jobs last year were on the service side of the economy including 700,000 in retail trade.

Reflected "The goods-producing sector also reflected considerable strength during 1988," Norwood said in testimony prepared for the joint economic committee of Congress. "The number of con-

struction jobs rose by 300,000 over the year, and manufacturing gained more than 400,000 jobs for the second straight year."

Factory workers continued to work an average four hours of overtime a week, indicating no letup in the export-led manufacturing rebound.

Average wages, however, remained flat at an average of \$9.45 an hour for the third month in a row, a figure that will be greeted by market analysts closely watching that statistic for early signs of an inflationary spiral.

### Productivity

"The competitive situation for US manufacturers has improved greatly in the last two years," Norwood said, noting that manufacturing productivity has risen at an average rate of 3.5 per cent since 1986.

"Because increases in employer costs for the compensation of workers have been fairly restrained, unit labour costs fell by over one per cent in 1987 and have risen only slightly over 1988," the Labour Department official said.

The department said the number of jobless fell by 9,000 to 6,554,000 last month.

However, there still were 950,000 so-called "discouraged workers" — people who want jobs but are not included in the unemployment rate because they have given up looking for work in the belief that none is available. That figure has been constant since early 1987.

### Jobs

The number of workers employed part-time because they cannot find full-time work also was unchanged over the past year, remaining at 5.3 million.

Of the 279,000 new jobs in December, 107,000 were in the business and health services industries. Retail trade added 52,000 new jobs for the month, most of them in department stores.

Manufacturers reported adding 34,000 people to their payrolls in December, well behind the 85,000 monthly gain they averaged in October and November.

Over the past year, manufacturing employment has

increased by 410,000, 30 per cent of it in export-booming machinery industry.

The unemployment rate hit 5.3 per cent in June and October as well as December, dropping to its lowest point since it was 5.1 per cent in May 1974.

An alternate rate that includes the 1.7 million members of the armed force stationed in the United States in the labour force was also 5.3 per cent last month, unchanged from November.

### Unchanged

The unemployment rate among adult men and adult women also remained unchanged at 4.4 per cent in December.

Joblessness among teen-agers rose from 14.1 per cent in November to 14.8 per cent last month. The Labour Department said unemployment rates among other demographic groups were: — Blacks, 11.6 per cent, up from 11.2 in November.

— Black teen-agers, 29.3 per cent, down from 29.9.

— Hispanics, 7.6 per cent, down from eight per cent.

— Whites, 4.6 per cent, unchanged.

## Indonesia to buy more oil from Iran, Iraq

JAKARTA, Jan 6, (OPECNA) — Indonesia is planning to import more crude oil from Iran and Iraq provided the value of the two countries' imports from Jakarta exceeds that of their exports to it, according to Mines and Energy Minister Gimandjar Kartasasmita.

The minister said Indonesia was importing 30,000 B/D from each country for the state oil company Pertamina's Cilacap refinery in Central Java.

### Exports

Gimandjar added that Indonesia was also importing 25,000 BPD from Saudi Arabia for the same refinery as imported crude oil from the three fellow OPEC member countries had been found good for the processing of lubricants.

He said if the value of Indonesian exports to Iran and Iraq went beyond the value of their oil exports to Indonesia, Jakarta would buy more oil from the two nations.

Under agreements signed in Baghdad and Tehran last year, Iraq and Iran import various non-oil commodities from Indonesia.

## Perez to seek unity among debtors

## Latin American debt crisis heating up again in 1989

NEW YORK, Jan 6, (AP) — The Latin American debt crisis, simmering for nearly seven years, is heating up again in 1989. Venezuela has announced a moratorium on repaying the principal on its debt, and Colombia has said it will defer some payments to creditors.

In his annual New Year's address, outgoing Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi announced the debt payment moratorium, effective Jan 17, and the start-up of new debt refinancing talks. Venezuela's total foreign debt is \$33 billion.

Yesterday, Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez, who will be inaugurated Feb 2, left for Mexico City to hold talks this week with the presidents of Mexico and Brazil about "regional concerns" including Latin America's collective debt problem.

Perez will be seeking unity among Latin debtors in an effort to pressure creditors for debt

relief. Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela are three of the four biggest debtors in the region. The other is Argentina.

Colombia, a model debtor that so far has never had to reschedule its debt payments, announced last week it would defer debt repayments for 90 days until it can negotiate a \$1.7 billion financial package to help it make interest payments.

In Mexico, newly elected President Carlos Salinas De Gortari called for national unity behind his efforts to negotiate a reduction in Mexico's foreign debt servicing burden.

Latin American nations have piled up foreign debts of more than \$400 billion — about one third of total foreign debt among developing nations. Nearly all have stopped repaying principal over the past seven years, and some have fallen behind on interest payments.

Commercial banks show little interest in offering them new

loans except as part of debt renegotiations to enable the debtor nations to make their overdue interest payments.

The outflow of debt payments and the stashed inflow of new capital have brought about economic stagnation, falling living standards, inflation and social and political problems throughout Latin America.

This has been aggravated by capital flight totalling billions of dollars a year.

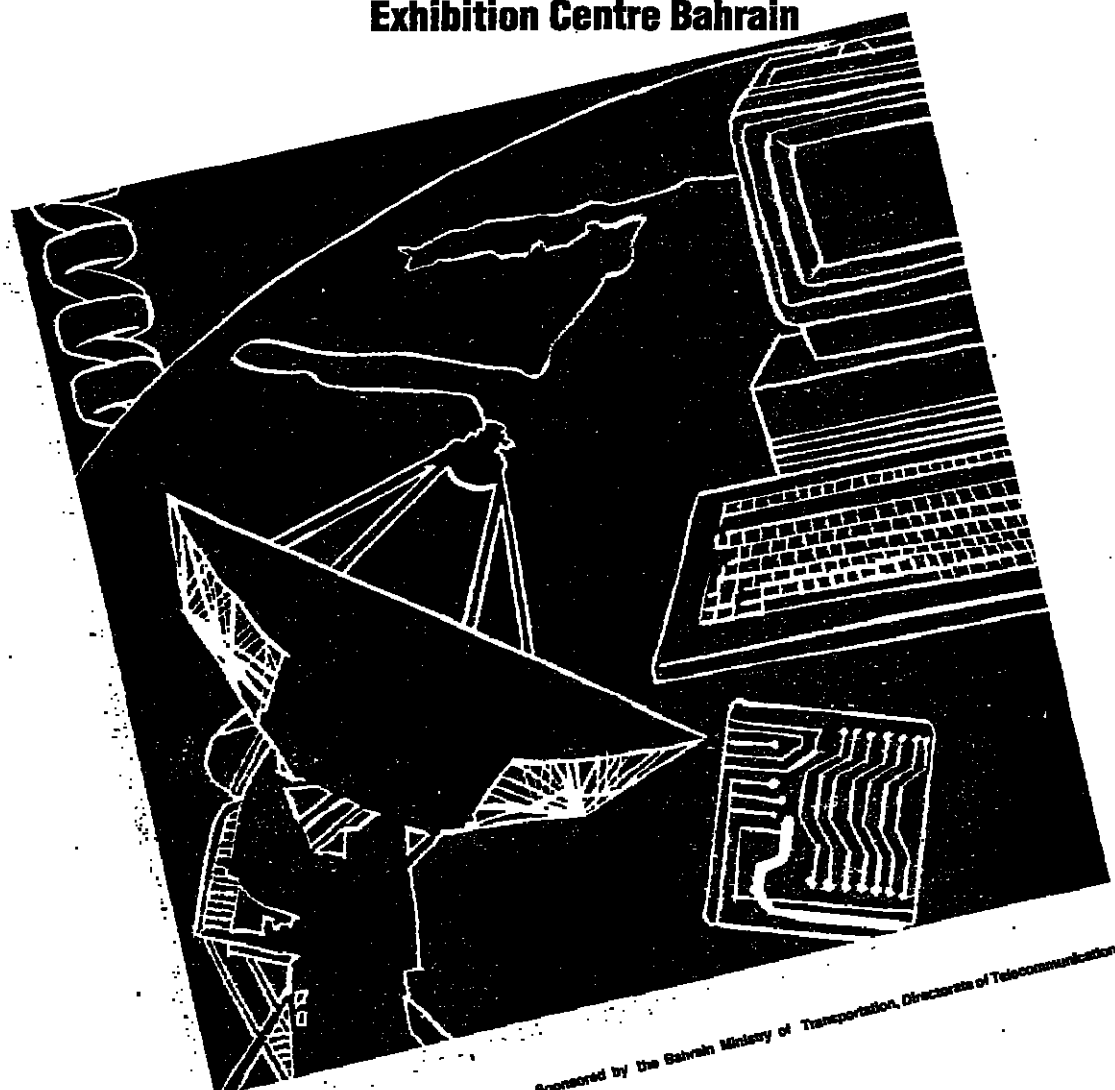
"This absurd transfer of capital to the developed countries has resulted in a Marshall plan in reverse," President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina complained in a speech to the United Nations last month.

US President-elect George Bush, who takes office Jan 20, recently pledged a review of American international debt policy. US and Mexican officials already are discussing new approaches to resolving Mexico's \$106 billion foreign debt.

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(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEY LFE	293.0
ADT LTD	118.0
ALD LYONS	38.0
AMSTRAD	171.0
ARGYLE GP	170.5
ASDA GP	134.0
BAA	268.0
BTR	305.0
BAT INDS	448.0
BARCLAYS	411.0
BASS	810.0
BEAZER	179.0
BEECHAM	473.0
BERRISFORD	408.0
BLIC PLC	389.0
BLUE ARMY	66.38
BLUE CIRC	437.0
BOD GP	424.0
BOOTS CO	222.0
BPS INDS	232.0
BR CONWY	507.50
BR AEROSP	437.0
BR GAS RG	155.0
BR LAND RT	35.00
BR. P. PP	30.24
BR. P. PP	48.35
BR. P. PP	63.00
BURNER OL	496.0
BURTON	173.0
CABLESWIR	366.0
CADBURYS	339.0
CALOR GRP	387.0
CRLTN GRP	675.0
CRLTN R T	669.0
COOKSONS	261.0
COURTAULD	276.4
COURTNEY	317.0
DIXONS	133.4
ENG CHINA	461.0
ENTER OIL	478.0
FT BARCK	122.5
FERRANTI	101.0
FISONS	246.0
GATEWAY	159.0
GEN ACCID	863.0
GEN ELEC	202.0
GLAXO	108.0
GRANDAD	326.0
GLOBE	138.0
GLYNED	269.0
GUARD RYL	184.0
GKN	105.19
GUTHRIE	329.0
HARRISON A	928.0
HARRISON C	160.5
HARRISON D	667.0
HARRISON E	546.0
HILLDOWN	236.0
ICI	044.0

## LONDON

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	730.0	729.0
600 GROUP	108.0	109.0
A. AMER TS	358.0	358.0
A.B. ELECT	365.0	364.0
A.S.W. HLD	198.0	198.0
AAB KENT	86.0	85.0
AAH HLD	283.0	283.0
AARONSON	111.0	111.0
ADDISON	29.0	29.0
ADVEST	167.0	169.0
ALEX WRIK	155.0	156.0
ALEXON	316.0	315.0
ALCO COLL	120.4	121.0
ALD R I B	241.0	241.0
ALD LON	129.4	130.0
ALD PLAT	63.0	64.0
ALLIANCE	826.0	827.0
AMBER DAY	40.0	40.4
AMEC	337.0	338.0
AMER TST	125.4	126.0
AMERSON	501.0	502.0
AMH HLTHC	246.0	246.0
ANGITA TV	196.0	195.0
ANSBACH	78.0	78.0
APPLYEAR	382.0	382.0
APV PLC	132.0	133.0
ASHLEY LA	91.0	91.0
AUS REE A	210.0	212.0
AUST REE	360.0	360.0
AUTO SECS	238.0	238.0
AVOEL PLC	95.0	95.0
AVESCO	115.0	116.0
AVIS EUR	317.0	317.0
AVON RUBB	583.0	586.0
B. WEINILL	198.0	198.0
BAILL JAP	499.0	498.0
BAILL SHI	84.4	84.4
BALDWIN	213.0	213.0
BANK IRE	230.0	230.0
BANKER IT	73.0	72.0
BARDON GP	161.0	161.0
BARRY DEV	166.4	165.0
BAYNES C	24.0	25.0
BBA GROUP	158.0	158.0
BEAR B.UT	1.6	1.6
BEAR BRND	11.0	11.0
BEATTIE J	150.0	150.0
BEJAN GP	170.0	170.0
BELVANA	51.0	51.0
BELLWAY	217.0	217.0
BEWORTH	209.0	211.0
BERKLEY	187.0	187.0
BHAK HINT	448.0	445.0
BHAK GROUP	91.0	92.0
BK OF SCO	90.0	90.0
BLCK LF 2	10.0	10.0
BNETT F	99.0	99.0
BOASE HAS	195.0	195.0
BOODINGTH	162.0	163.0
BODY SHOP	486.0	490.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1481.3	1471.5	1459.8	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1013.0	1013.0	1008.5	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	929.97	929.97	926.49	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.70	86.65	86.80	87.05
FT GOLD NW	163.4	161.7	162.1	161.9
FT MINES F	568.38	568.38	569.40	565.31
FT OIL	1726.3	1726.3	1728.3	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	140.11	140.39	140.22	139.21
FT MLD STG	115.53	115.15	114.05	115.30

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS STEADY NEAR HIGHS IN LATE BUSINESS  
LONDON, JAN 6, REUTER - SHARES WERE STEADY BUT JUST SHORT OF THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE AFTERNOON BUSINESS. DEALERS SAID A STRONG DOLLAR AND HIGHER WALL STREET OPENING TODAY GAVE A FIRM BASE TO MANY PRICES, WHILE SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY LIFTED OTHERS.  
GEC WAS THE MOST ACTIVE ISSUE, UP 4P TO 202 ON TURNOVER OF 15.7 MLN SHARES BY 1536 GMT, RISING PARTLY ON RUMOURS PLESSEY MIGHT TRY A COUNTER-BID TO EVADE GEC-SIEMENS' HOSTILE OFFER. GEC-SIEMENS SAID IT BOUGHT FIVE MLN PLESSEY SHARES AT 225P EACH TODAY. PLESSEY ROSE 4P TO 228 ON TURNOVER OF 10.3 MLN SHARES.  
BY 1547 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 10.5 TO 1,481.0.

SHARES OPENED EASIER FOLLOWING EARLY NEWS CHASE MANHATTAN WAS PULLING OUT OF EQUITIES MARKET MAKING. DEALERS SAID THE MARKET MOVED LOWER, WAITING FOR CHASE TO UNWIND ITS EXISTING EQUITY POSITIONS.

BUT DEALERS REPORTED FEW UNUSUAL SHARE MOVEMENTS FOLLOWING THE CHASE ANNOUNCEMENT. CHASE SAID IT WOULD ELIMINATE ITS EQUITY POSITIONS, WHICH IT DESCRIBED AS SMALL. THE MORNING DECLINE WENT AGAINST THE GRAIN OF WALL STREET'S CLOSING ON THURSDAY, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST SINCE THE OCTOBER, 1987 SHARE CRASH.  
ONE DEALER SAID "THE MARK-DOWN WAS MORE A SENTIMENTALITY THING THAN ANYTHING ELSE...NO-ONE LIKES TO HEAR ABOUT JOB LOSSES."

## London Gold

LONDON, JAN 6, REUTER - GOLD BULLION REMAINED EASIER DURING LATE TRADING, PRESSURED BY A STEADIER DOLLAR AND SOFT COMEX PRICES, AND THE MARKET ENDED JUST ABOVE 2-1/2 MONTH LOWS.  
SPOT GOLD CLOSED AT 405.50/406.00 DLR AN OUNCE, ONE DLR ABOVE THE LOW, BUT DOWN FROM OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 408.40/408.90 AND 407.50/408.00 DLR RESPECTIVELY.  
DEALERS SAID THE MARKET, STEADY THROUGHOUT A QUIET MORNING, SUCCEEDED THIS AFTERNOON IN RESPONSE TO THE DOLLAR'S ADVANCES AFTER THE DECEMBER U.S. EMPLOYMENT REPORT. ALTHOUGH THE DATA WAS MUCH AS FORECAST, THE U.S. CURRENCY STILL ADVANCED, PUTTING PRESSURE ON PRECIOUS METALS, THEY SAID.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 6, REUTER - MONEY RATES ENDED A QUIET SESSION GENERALLY LITTLE MOVED IN THE ABSENCE OF FRESH U.K. ECONOMIC FIGURES.  
DEALERS SAID THAT U.S. EMPLOYMENT DATA FOR DECEMBER, RELEASED EARLIER, HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON U.K. MONEY RATES DESPITE THE FACT THEY SHOWED A STRONG ECONOMY. "RATES MOVED IN A VERY TIGHT RANGE TODAY. AS FAR AS THIS MARKET IS CONCERNED THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT DATA WAS A NON-EVENT," SAID ONE TRADER.  
U.S. NON-FARM PAYROLLS ROSE BY 279,000 AFTER A DOWNWARD REVISED PREVIOUS RISE OF 404,000 WHILE THE JOBLESS RATE FELL TO 5.3 PCT FROM 5.4 PCT.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPN
DLR 1.7900/10	1.7785/95	1.8150/60	6.1720/70	NOON
DMK 1.7982/8062	3.218/232	3.2215/55	11.0010/0125	NOON
FFR 6.146/158	11.013/31	34.104/68	29.21/37	FIX
SFR 1.5375/5385	2.7514/7547	85.28/39	25.00/03	1300
HFL 2.0340	3.6410	112.875	33.07	FIX
ECU 1.14936	6.44441	2.08184	7.10649	CLSE
SOR 1.34137	0.743553	2.39971	8.19309	CLSE
YEN 126.00/10	225.55/85	---	---	NOON
SUR RATE	05/01/1989	OTHERS	06/01/1989	---

BOOTH HENR	372.0	373.0	HICKSON IN	199.0	199.0
BORTHWICK	52.0	52.0	HIGGS HIL	314.0	313.0
BR ARROW	105.0	106.0	HMBRO CITY	58.0	58.0
BR ASSETS	69.4	69.4	HMBRO ZOP	236.0	236.0
BR DREGGI	134.0	134.0	HNTSP SPHR	138.0	139.0
BR VITA	214.0	215.0	HOLMES PR	110.0	110.0
BRENT CHE	122.0	122.0	HOLDEN GP	133.0	133.0
BRENT WCR	329.0	329.0	HOPKINSON	91.0	92.0
BRIDON	184.0	184.0	HTV GROUP	89.0	89.0
BRITAIN SE	165.0	165.0	ICE-FZ-FD	285.0	285.0
BRITANNIC	320.0	320.0	IMRY M.DV	418.0	418.0
BRIXTON E	334.0	334.0	INNOPIOT V	11.0	11.0
BROWN SHI	336.0	337.0	INNOCL PLC	41.4	41.4
BRYANT GP	115.0	116.0	INT.BU.CO	102.0	103.0
BSE INTL	57.0	57.0	INT.CITY	70.0	71.0
BUCKLEYS	154.0	156.0	INTV.CAP	346.0	348.0
BUDGENS	110.0	110.0	JINSHAFIR	43.0	43.0
BULLOUGH	428.0	428.0	JOS HLDGS	129.0	130.0
BULMER HP	137.0	135.0	KALAMAZOO	40.0	40.0
CALENDONIA	357.0	353.0	KALON GRP	34.4	34.4
CAMB ELEC	228.0	228.0	KELT ENGY	35.0	36.0
CANFOR E	192.0	191.0	KETSON	47.0	49.0
CANMING W	80.0	80.0	KLMT CHIR	118.4	117.0
CANON ST	251.0	252.0	KLMT O'S	130.0	130.0
CAP. RADIO	567.0	572.0	KLMT SHL	150.0	150.0
CARADON	319.0	319.0	KMKI SAVE	389.0	388.0
CARLCO EN	160.0	161.0	KMKI-FIT	109.0	110.0
CATER ALL	330.0	328.0	LAINING 'A'	275.0	275.0
CATTLE HD	57.0	58.0	LAINING ORB	278.0	278.0
CAULDON	8.0	7.4	LAINING PRP	451.0	452.0
CENTL TV	580.0	583.0	LATRO GRP	206.0	206.0
CHAM PHRR	139.0	140.0	LAURELSU	370.0	370.0
CHARTERHA	21.0	21.5	LAURICE W	122.0	122.0
CHAS CHUR	82.0	82.0	LDN & NET	148.0	148.0
CHORLTON	57.0	58.0	LDN ATLAN	265.0	265.0
CHRISTIES	623.0	623.0	LDN INTP	206.0	207.0
CI GROUP	42.0	42.0	LDN SHOP	331.0	330.0
CITRIL SEC	47.4	47.4	LDN UTD	118.0	115.0
COALITE	327.0	328.0	LDNWEID	124.0	123.0
COATES BR	291.0	289.0	LEX GROUP	155.0	155.0
COLLINS A	725.0	725.0	LEX SERVC	311.0	311.0
COLLINS W	880.0	880.0	LIFE SCIE	57.0	58.0
COLLOROLL	138.0	138.0	LILLEY FJ	48.4	49.0
COMPAS NW	262.0	263.0	LLOYD TRP	190.0	190.0
CONNELLS	215.0	215.0	LOCAL LDN	475.0	478.0
COSTAIN	299.0	298.0	LOGICA	340.0	340.0
COURTS FR	159.0	158.0	LOW (GM)	239.0	239.0
COMIE (T)	123.0	123.0	LOWMORR	205.0	206.0
CRI	134.0	133.0	MEG GROUP	263.0	262.0
CRODA INT	174.0	175.0	M.C. PACIF	189.0	190.0
CRYSTALAT	144.0	145.0	MACARTHY	219.0	221.0
CTRY PROP	244.0	242.0	MACFARLANE	198.0	198.0
DARES EST	284.0	282.0	MAI	83.0	83.0
DAVIS GO	142.0	143.0	MAJEDIE	206.0	206.0
DAVY CORP	172.0	172.0	MANDERS	206.0	206.0
DAMSON GP	157.0	157.0	MARLEY	151.0	151.0
DELTA GRP	271.0	271.0	MATTHEWS	82.0	83.0
DEVENISH	289.0	287.0	MAUNDERS	101.0	102.0
DEWHIRST	39.0	39.0	MECHENIE	274.0	274.0
DIPLOMA	188.0	187.0	MECOC	201.0	200.0
DOBSON PK	91.0	90.0	MENZIES	283.0	283.0
DOUGLAS R	267.0	268.0	MERCH. TST	151.0	150.4
DOWDINGHAM	62.0	62.0	MERLIN IN	122.0	123.0
DOWDY GRP	226.0	226.0	METAL CLS	197.0	196.0
DRAYTON C	447.0	446.0	METALRIC	80.0	80.0
DRUGS	440.0	440.0	MIDWINT	357.0	358.0
DUKEHISTR	67.0	68.0	MIDSWINTER	172.0	173.0
DUNDEE LD	274.0	275.0	M.H. HLDGS	107.0	107.0
DUNHILL	207.0	207.0	MIDWINT	149.0	148.0
EAST TEST	12.4	12.2	MIDWINT	220.0	219.0
EDIN T.T	156.4	156.4	MIDWINT	134.0	133.0
EDMUND ND	33.0	32.4	MIDWINT	43.0	43.0
ELECTRA	219.4	219.0	MIDWINT	43.0	43.0
ELECTROCR	191.0	190.0	MIDWINT	42.4	42.0
EMAP	198.0	198.0	MIDWINT	168.0	168.0
EMPIRE ST	180.0	180.0	MIDWINT	6.6	6.6
ERA GROUP	53.0	54.0	MIDWINT	43.0	43.0
EURO HOME	272.0	272.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
EUROTHERM	361.0	360.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
EUTRINT	510.0	510.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
EVOCOR GRP	169.0	170.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
EX.CO.LOU	88.0	89.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
EXPANET	178.0	177.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
F&C ENTER	28.4	28.4	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
F&C EURO	233.0	234.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
F&C PACIF	145.0	145.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
F&C SHILL	65.4	65.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FARNELL E	142.0	143.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FENNER JH	181.0	181.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FERGUSON	243.0	243.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FINLAW GP	78.0	78.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FINLAY J	112.0	112.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FITCH LOW	268.0	268.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FOD GROUP	254.0	255.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FLNG AMER	117.4	118.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FLNG F.E	202.0	203.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FLNG INTV	151.0	151.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
FLNG JAPN	224.0	225.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GOODE DWR	113.0	113.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GPG	46.0	47.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GRAPM IN	280.0	281.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GREEN KMG	447.0	447.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GREENLW V	262.0	264.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GREYCOAT	410.0	408.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GRP TVL	48.0	48.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GRT PRITND	353.0	351.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GUISSD MA	126.0	127.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GUANO OR	613.0	600.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GVTY ORLE	305.0	306.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
GVTY STRA	218.0	218.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HALD DIS	136.0	135.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HALMA	185.0	185.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HAMBROS I	216.0	215.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HAMMERSO	938.0	950.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HAMTUN LE	41.0	41.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HAWTHORN	215.0	216.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HELLEN(CE)	419.0	419.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HELENE PL	30.0	30.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HELIPAL B	262.0	263.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HERMORTH	222.4	222.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HESTAIR	267.0	268.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HEYWOOD W	255.0	254.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HIGGS HIL	314.0	313.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HMBRO CITY	58.0	58.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HMBRO ZOP	236.0	236.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HNTSP SPHR	138.0	139.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HOLMES PR	110.0	110.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HOLDEN GP	133.0	133.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HOPKINSON	91.0	92.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
HTV GROUP	89.0	89.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
ICE-FZ-FD	285.0	285.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
IMRY M.DV	418.0	418.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
INNOPIOT V	11.0	11.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
INNOCL PLC	41.4	41.4	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
INT.BU.CO	102.0	103.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
INT.CITY	70.0	71.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
INTV.CAP	346.0	348.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
JINSHAFIR	43.0	43.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
JOS HLDGS	129.0	130.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KALAMAZOO	40.0	40.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KALON GRP	34.4	34.4	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KELT ENGY	35.0	36.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KETSON	47.0	49.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KLMT CHIR	118.4	117.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KLMT O'S	130.0	130.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KLMT SHL	150.0	150.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KMKI SAVE	389.0	388.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
KMKI-FIT	109.0	110.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LAINING 'A'	275.0	275.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LAINING ORB	278.0	278.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LAINING PRP	451.0	452.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LATRO GRP	206.0	206.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LAURELSU	370.0	370.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LAURICE W	122.0	122.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LDN & NET	148.0	148.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LDN ATLAN	265.0	265.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LDN INTP	206.0	207.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LDN SHOP	331.0	330.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LDN UTD	118.0	115.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LDNWEID	124.0	123.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LEX GROUP	155.0	155.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LEX SERVC	311.0	311.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LIFE SCIE	57.0	58.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LILLEY FJ	48.4	49.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LLOYD TRP	190.0	190.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LOCAL LDN	475.0	478.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LOGICA	340.0	340.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LOW (GM)	239.0	239.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
LOWMORR	205.0	206.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MEG GROUP	263.0	262.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
M.C. PACIF	189.0	190.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MACARTHY	219.0	221.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MACFARLANE	198.0	198.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MAI	83.0	83.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MAJEDIE	206.0	206.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MANDERS	206.0	206.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MARLEY	151.0	151.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MATTHEWS	82.0	83.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MAUNDERS	101.0	102.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MECHENIE	274.0	274.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MECOC	201.0	200.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MENZIES	283.0	283.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MERCH. TST	151.0	150.4	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MERLIN IN	122.0	123.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
METAL CLS	197.0	196.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
METALRIC	80.0	80.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MIDWINT	357.0	358.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MIDSWINTER	172.0	173.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
M.H. HLDGS	107.0	107.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
MIDWINT	149.0	148.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
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MIDWINT	168.0	168.0	MIDWINT	35.0	35.0
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## Gold prices ease

## Central banks act to stem dollar

LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuters): West Germany's Bundesbank and the US Federal Reserve intervened on world currency markets with dollar sales today after the dollar surged to 2-1/2-month highs on stronger-than-expected US employment figures.

The dollar retreated by about half a penny in hectic European trading after the central bank intervention but dealers said sentiment remained bullish as the December job report left intact the possibility of higher US interest rates.

**Tensions**  
Tensions between Libya and the United States and a statement by the Bundesbank's vice-president Helmut Schlesinger that he saw no signs of the dollar weakening helped underpin the currency.

Another factor supporting the dollar was the worsening health of Japanese Emperor Hirohito, who has been bedridden since Sept 19.

The dollar edged down to 1.8120 marks and 126.40 yen after hitting 1.8180 and 126.80 minutes after the US jobs report showed a rise of 279,000 in December non-farm payrolls.

The Bundesbank sold dollars for marks in the open market in late afternoon trading as the currency was quoted at about 1.8115 marks, dealers said.

One dealer said the Bundes-

bank was also seen in at about 1.8150 marks. The Bundesbank had no comment on the subject.

Schlesinger had said recent Bundesbank dollar sales were not intervention aimed at achieving specific exchange rates.

US dealers said the US Federal Reserve had sold dollars at about 1.8160 marks.

**Eased back**  
Gold and silver bullion eased back during early afternoon trading, pressured by the dollar's rise, dealers said.

The December payroll of 279,000 was after a revised rise of 404,000 in November. The November increase initially was reported as 463,000.

The unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent after 5.4 per cent in November.

Forecasts had called for a gain of around 259,000 to 260,000 in non-farm payroll employment.

Prior to the employment figures, the dollar was staging a strong rally.

"Even if the employment figure is not that good, say below 200,000, the dollar will soon strengthen again because there will still be speculation on a discount rate rise," said Shinya Tsuda, foreign exchange manager at Fuji Bank in Düsseldorf.

"Any number above 200,000 confirms the economy is growing much faster than the Fed's target of 2.5 per cent for sustainable non-inflationary (GNP) growth.

If it is around 200,000 the picture will still be an economy that is just too strong," a Frankfurt currency dealer said.

Recently the dollar's strength has been limited by intervention from the Bundesbank.

**Action**  
But traders said the West German central bank was unlikely to take action to hold the dollar down against strong market buying pressure.

The Bundesbank has been the only central bank prepared to fight against it, but if a big move comes, it will stop selling dollars," the Frankfurt dealer said.

The West German central bank's recent dollar sales were not intervention as such, Schlesinger said.

"What we are doing now is not intervention in the usual sense, not for example with the aim of achieving certain exchange rates," he said.

The Bundesbank receives dollars from interest payments and from payments by US troops stationed in West Germany but European currency dealers were convinced the central bank was trying to curb the dollar's strength.

On precious metals markets, gold, which was fixed at a steady \$408.45 an ounce this morning, retreated to around \$405.85, the lowest since October last year.

On share markets, London's

FTSE index of 100 key shares was 9.4 points higher at 1,808.9 points at 1415 GMT with bid speculation providing much of the upwards impetus, dealers said.

**Consolidated**  
Earlier, West Germany shares closed mostly lower in active trading on the Frankfurt bourse as the market consolidated sharp gains earlier this week.

"It was a very nice start to 1989 trading, but the market needed to stop and rest for a little while before moving on," one dealer said. The mood remained positive overall.

The Real-Time 30-share DAX index closed at 1,359.98, 11.12 points below yesterday's close.

Tokyo stocks closed mixed today as worries about Emperor Hirohito's deteriorating health dampened trading.

After rising modestly buoyed by yesterday's rise on Wall Street, the Nikkei average ended with a small 25.75 point gain at 30,209.54.

"There is still a lot of buying out there," but news of the Emperor's health knocked the wind out of the market," said Mike Morizumi, market analyst at broker Merrill Lynch Japan.

**Higher**  
The Dow Jones industrial average opened a shade down at 2,189.82, but then edged higher in early business. Yesterday it had risen 12.86 points to

2,190.54, its highest level since the October 1987 stock market crash.

In Sydney, industrial stocks led a strengthening of the Australian share market as trading picked up. By the close of floor trading the All Ordinaries index was 6.1 up at 1479.7.

In Hong Kong, share prices closed firmer after profit taking, widely expected after this week's sharp rise, pared gains. The Hang Seng index ended 8.11 points higher at 2,766.65.

On the crude oil market, Brent Blend oil from Britain's North Sea for February delivery edged higher to \$16.20 barrel.

The benchmark 30-year US treasury bond was a shade higher by mid-afternoon in London compared with its opening levels.

**Oil talks**  
CAIRO, Jan 6, (KUNA): The UAE Petroleum Minister Mana Sa'id Al Otaiba met here today with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Otaiba, who arrived here last night on a two-day visit, exchanged views with Mubarak on developments in the international oil market.

The talks also dealt with the efforts exerted by OPEC to limit production and guarantee stability of oil prices in addition to co-operation in different fields between the two countries.

## Co-operatives must be curbed to protect consumers: Kremlin

MOSCOW, Jan 6, (Reuters): Soviet officials, displaying highly priced products of dubious quality, yesterday defended curbs on the activities of co-operatives, saying the action was necessary to protect consumers.

"Look at this," said Ivan Korovkin, deputy chairman of the state committee for publishing, printing and the book trade, holding up a glossy calendar showing a picture of a naked woman and a black cat at a news conference.

"An Estonian co-operative wanted 15 roubles (\$25) for this. It costs just 90 kopecks (\$1.5) to produce."

**Principle**  
"We very much hope that we will not have to introduce more legislation in the near future," he added. "But unexpected circumstances may evolve that have to be taken into account at a future stage."

The co-operatives have been one of the most controversial parts of perestroika (restructuring) since they were legalised in an apparent attempt to plug holes in the Soviet economy, particularly in its tiny service sector.

There are now tens of thousands of them with sales totalling one billion roubles (\$1.6 billion) in the first half of last year.

While Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev strongly defended

attacked by critics as unnecessarily restrictive.

Other activities, such as publishing and providing certain medical services, will in future only be possible in conjunction with state enterprises.

Korovkin and other officials expressed support for the measures, saying they would affect only a minority of co-operatives.

"We only wanted to remove negative phenomena," Georgy Golubov, head of the economic legislation department, said.

"They cover less than one per cent of co-operatives."

Nevertheless, critics say the new restrictions create a sense of uncertainty among the country's budding new entrepreneurial class, fearful of further bans.

**Curbs**  
They have also challenged some of the curbs, such as those preventing the manufacture of religious artifacts, which officials say was added at the request of churches who rely on sales of candles and other items for their income.

Critics also say the state is determined to retain its monopoly on information rather than shortages of paper and film which are behind the bans on publishing and video films.

## Central bankers join fight against money-laundering

ZURICH, Jan 6, (Reuters): Western central bankers have joined the fight against international crime, urging banks to make it harder for criminals to disguise the origins of their money.

In a statement issued today, a committee of bankers from 12 Western countries said banks should insist on knowing the identity of their customers and should not handle suspicious transactions.

"Money-laundering has become a matter of world-wide concern in the last few years," said Werner Abegg, spokesman for the Swiss National Bank, which published the statement.

"This is an appeal to banks to exercise a certain self-discipline in this area and to co-operate with the legal authorities."

**Regulations**  
The statement was drafted by the committee on banking regulations and supervision, known as the Cooke Committee. It urged banks to adopt higher ethical standards and to co-operate with police.

"The committee considers that the first and most important safeguard against money-laundering is the integrity of banks' own management and their vigilant determination to prevent their institutions becoming

ing associated with criminals or being used as a channel for money-laundering," it said.

Some investigators say banking secrecy laws in financial centres such as Switzerland and Luxembourg make them havens for the proceeds of crime. Money can be channelled through several accounts until it becomes impossible to trace its origin.

**Crime**  
Both countries are enacting laws to make money-laundering a crime punishable by up to five years' imprisonment.

Swiss Justice Minister Elisabeth Kopp resigned last month because of her husband's association with a company implicated by prosecutors in the country's worst money-laundering scandal.

## World Bank raises interest rates

WASHINGTON, Jan 6, (AP): The World Bank has announced an increase in the interest it charges the more prosperous Third World countries to 7.65 per cent annually, the first such rise since it began lending at variable rates in 1982.

The rate will apply during the first six months of this year on \$37 billion worth of loans to about 70 countries, said bank spokesman Sheldon Rappaport.

For the second half of 1988, the rate was 7.59 per cent. The increase will cost the borrowers an additional \$11 million Rappaport estimated. The rate, which is based on the cost of the bank's own borrowings, will be recalculated in mid-1989. The bank gets most of its funds from borrowing on world markets.

**Aid**  
Owned by 151 governments, the largest bloc of shares, it is the biggest single source of aid to Third World countries to help raise their living standards. It lends more than \$19 billion a year.

When it introduced variable interest rates on most of its loans in July 1982, the annual rate was 11.43 per cent. Since then, the rate has been reduced each time it was recalculated, twice a year.

The poorest countries, which borrow from the bank's International Development Association (IDA), will continue to get loans for 40 years at less than one per cent a year, with long grace periods during which only interest is due.

**\$15m IDB loan to Morocco**  
JEDDAH, Jan 6, (OPECNA): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to extend a loan of \$15 million to Morocco for a foreign trade transaction.

The credit agreement was signed here Monday by bank president Dr Ahmad Mohammed Ali and the Moroccan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr Ahmad Ramzi.

## Bahrain chosen as JNOC base for world-wide operations

## Japanese move to cut back on oil expenditure

By Yakub Razaque

BAHRAIN: Japan, one of the world's largest importers of crude oil has in recent times intensified efforts to cut back on its oil expenditure by seeking new overseas oilfields around the world for domestic consumption on a profit-sharing basis with the host country concerned.

For over two decades Japan has been trying to minimise its oil expenses by investing in joint venture projects on new oilfields with potentially rich oil countries, thereby ensuring reasonable oil supply for domestic use without resorting to imports.

Japan, the world's second largest industrial nation and the richest in the Far East, imports nearly 90 per cent of its oil needs. It has extremely limited mineral resources to sustain its heavily industrialised economy. It is burdened with having to import almost all its mineral resources, primarily oil and to a lesser extent gas.

**Imports**  
The Japan National Oil Company (JNOC) was established in 1976 to help the country to reduce its dependence on oil imports by engaging in exploration and development of oil and gas in the world in general and in the Middle East in particular. JNOC initially started operating from Beirut 20 years ago and with the outbreak of the civil war in Lebanon moved temporarily to London in the mid-70s. In 1980 the office was shifted to Bahrain to continue its world-wide activities on a permanent basis.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, Hiroshi Shibata, general manager of JNOC, spoke about the organisation's objectives and goals as the state-owned company of Japan.

"Our basic role is to help seek new oilfields world-wide for Japan's interest. To invest in the exploration and development of

oil and gas discoveries wherever potential for rich output exists. We send our report and assessment of any such discovery to our government, which in turn undertakes to attract a Japanese trading company to participate in the project on a profit-sharing basis. The new find is therefore exploited jointly by the host country, JNOC and the Japanese company."

**Operation**  
Shibata added that JNOC does not engage directly in any operation. It helps by providing the Japanese company concerned with loan for the project on special rate and enables it to acquire 80 per cent of the new stocks in the new company.

He said that Bahrain was chosen as the JNOC base for world-wide operations because of the island's strategic position in the region, telecommunications, banking centre, excellent transportation network and for the large number of Japanese companies operating here.

The general manager described Japan's state-owned oil company's achievements over the last two decades as moderate. "Generally our performance has not been very profitable on sharing-agreement basis, although we have managed to make small profit. The oil crisis in recent years has not helped our cause. However, we expect to see good days ahead."

Shibata emphasised that in recent years JNOC has successfully implemented joint venture projects on new oil finds with Japanese companies in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt and Oman. He cited particularly Zukan and Um-Shaf oilfields in Abu Dhabi. The latter was discovered jointly by JNOC and British Petroleum (BP) in 1974.

**Prices**  
Shibata said: "We are confident that the OPEC countries will come to a general agreement on a sensible oil price that will suit everybody, including Japan

and help boost demand considerably in the world market. We feel that the GCC countries will adhere to any new price decided by OPEC, although there may be some reservation on the part of some Gulf states. But the overall decision of OPEC will have unanimous acceptance."

Shibata stressed that a favourable political climate in the Middle East will considerably help to boost oil prices. He said that JNOC attends OPEC meetings to analyse and assess any favourable oil policy suitable for Japan's oil interests.

"I personally feel that by the end of 1989 oil price will increase to \$18 per barrel from the present \$15."

**Turkish government shake-ups worry bankers**  
ISTANBUL, Jan 6, (Reuters): A shake-up at the top of Turkey's treasury following the resignation of a senior minister has worried bankers at a time of major uncertainties about the economy.

At least 55 transfers from the treasury were ordered yesterday by Yusuf Ozal, the state minister in charge of the economy and brother of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, bankers said.

"The timing is wrong and will cause instability," said the manager of a foreign bank in Istanbul.

Political and financial circles were already stunned by the resignation on Wednesday of Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erdem, a well-connected, long-time aide of the prime minister.

**Efforts**  
Turkey has recorded better figures for its trade and debt but its economy is threatened by a recession brought on by efforts to control the inflation rate, now an annual 75.2 per cent.

The crisis is one of the worst

There are indications that Japan will be interested in investing in the recent huge oil find in Iran. The massive reserve, said to contain 10 billion barrels, will boost oil development in Iran and contribute immensely to the reconstruction, said the Japanese oil official.

"Based on my recent visit to Tehran I would say that the finding is correct. However, only 10 to 15 per cent of the oil is recoverable due to the very low gravity (API level about 14/15). In our estimate there will be about 100 million barrels in the new field," said Shibata.

He added that the new crude will be heavy and of very good quality. In spite of some pos-

sible Japanese-Iranian trade relationship looks set to improve greatly, according to the JNOC official.

Japan spends about \$20 billion on the exploration and development of oil both at home and overseas annually. It produces a very small amount of oil - 698,000 kilo litre annually in both onshore and offshore fields. But in spite of intensified efforts to increase domestic oil production, the prospects look slim.

Shibata said that Japan is concentrating on reducing its dependence on oil and exploiting increasing use of other resources such as coal and solar energy for its future economic development.

**Diamond sales sparked in 1988**  
LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuters): World diamond sales rose to a record last year because of a weak dollar and strong demand, the Central Selling Organisation said yesterday.

CSO is the London-based marketing arm of De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd of South Africa which has a virtual monopoly over rough diamond sales.

It said \$4.172 billion worth were sold in 1988 which was 36 per cent up on a previous record of \$3.075 billion in 1987.

"1988 was an exceptional year and we are unlikely to see it repeated in 1989," said CSO spokesman Andrew Lamont.

**Boom**  
He attributed the boom to stronger economic expansion and a weak dollar, in which diamonds are traded. Japan and Europe were particularly active buyers.

Lamont said there were signs of growth already slowing and much depended on future interest rate and currency trends.

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## SCREEN

Kim Basinger lives out her fantasies in movies

## From celluloid vamp to Batman's girlfriend

By Ivor Davis

NO ONE can accuse Kim Basinger of being a neophyte when it comes to cinematic sex. She played a nymphomaniac opposite Burt Reynolds in *The Man Who Loved Women* (1983); a temptress for Sean Connery as 007 in *Never Say Never Again* (1983); the femme fatale exploiting baseball star Robert Redford in *The Natural* (1984); an obsessive sexual partner with Mickey Rourke in *Nine 1/2 Weeks* (1986); and a drunken bimbo destroying Bruce Willis' career in *Blind Date* (1987).

So who is going to believe Basinger as a naive extraterrestrial who thinks an orgasm is a musical instrument in *My Stepmother is an Alien*.

In a telephone interview from London, where she is filming *Batman* in which she stars as the Caped Crusader's (Michael Keaton) girlfriend Vicki Vale, Basinger discusses her role in *Stepmother*. "My character Celeste has a child's innocence and was never programmed for sex. Therefore, she has to start from scratch. She picks up her sexual attitudes from what she sees in movies and on television."

In the Richard Benjamin-directed film Basinger's provocative innocence is played off Dan Aykroyd as Dr Steve Mills, a scientist searching for intelligent life in outer space. Mills' research results in his having a more than close encounter with Celeste, and the two eventually fall in love.

How did the actress, who is Hollywood's current reigning femme fatale, pull it off?

"I relied on the child inside me," she says. "But playing an innocent and the way I look is part of the joke. I loved having to strip myself of everything I knew. Celeste has to learn to kiss. She comes to Earth and has to get the attention of this scientist (Aykroyd) who is not interested in anything (other than his work). So you take nature and life — what you've seen in movies — and mutate the lot. Celeste has no inhibitions."



Hollywood's reigning femme fatale: Kim Basinger

Maybe Celeste doesn't, but Basinger does.

The actress grew up in Athens, Ga., the third of five children, with a shyness that she says dogs her even today. "I'm a Hollywood recluse. I'm shy around large crowds. They make me uncomfortable. It is true I won't do the Oscar show because of that. I'm scared I might faint or die."

"I like the simple life. But I'm going out a little more. I'm lucky, I can live out my fantasies in movies," she says.

And she has certainly lived them out in her career, which started in the '70s when Basinger was signed as one of the Ford Model Agency's top models. She made a quick leap to the small screen, landing the lead in the TV movie *Katie: Portrait of a Centrefold* (1978) and appearing in the TV remake of *From Here to Eternity* (1979).

But it was as the sultry Domino in *Never Say Never Again* that established her as a celluloid vamp. From there she

appeared opposite Reynolds, Rourke — whose many steamy scenes with Basinger in *Nine 1/2 Weeks* ended up on the cutting-room floor — and Richard Gere in *No Mercy* (1986) in which the two stars have a sexual interlude while chained together in a Louisiana swamp. The 35-year-old actress is no slouch when it comes to comedy either, proving her talents opposite Willis and, more impressively, Jeff Bridges in *Nadine* (1987).

Basinger protects her private

Dan Aykroyd (left), a scientist in search of extraterrestrial intelligence, has an unexpected encounter with an alien in the form of Kim Basinger in the romantic comedy, *My Stepmother is an Alien*.

life with a passion, although there have been recently published reports that she plans to divorce her husband, makeup man Ron Britton. She met him when she made her first feature film, *Hard Country*, in 1981 and has shared a rambling ranch home with him and — at last count — seven cats and 10 dogs in the San Fernando Valley (Calif.). Reportedly, she has been dating *Batman* producer Jon Peters, who was once the steady companion of Barbra Streisand.

## Private life

Although not willing to discuss her private life, Basinger does speak out on her heavyweight leading men. "Sean Connery is a devil and very smart; Richard Gere was the best partner I had; I know it sounds hysterical but I never got to know Mickey Rourke; Burt Reynolds has the quickest

sense of humour in the business; Sam Shepherd (*Fool for Love*, 1985) is a horse ... a human one; Bruce Willis is a sweet gentleman and quite a talent; Jeff Bridges can play any part; Dan Aykroyd is smart, and quick and in our new movie shows more emotion than he has in any picture."

Plans are afoot for Basinger to aim at a younger crowd; first with "Stepmother," then with "Batman" in which she gets to keep on most of her clothes. Her role as Vale was originally intended for Sean Young, then offered to Basinger when Young was injured falling off a horse.

"I like the idea of change," she says. "Some of my films have been steamy and controversial ... a lot of scenes never made it to the screen. Now I'm having fun playing to the younger set."

First censor-approved movie with sex

## Chinese cinema breaks new ground

By Kathy Wilhelm

BEIJING, (AP) — The People's Republic of China's first officially approved movie with sex scenes has been screened to sell-out crowds in Canton, the China News Service said last week.

*Widows' Village* is about the experiences of three young couples in a fishing village before and after the communist victory in 1949. The film's director has recommended that children not watch it, the official report said.

It said the movie "required some special scenes showing couples' lovemaking," but didn't elaborate on how graphic the scenes were or why they were necessary to the plot. It said the story dealt with the couples' experiences "under the influence of strange marriage customs," but gave no details.

## Artistic

"It didn't show anything too revealing," the report quoted one viewer as saying. "It could be considered an artistic movie that exposes the damage done to sex by feudal thinking."

China has been undergoing one of its most open and creative periods in moviemaking and other arts since the Communist takeover. The overall trend has been toward greater openness in content and experimentation in style, but there also are periodic attacks on works considered too liberal.

Two weeks ago, censors who have the power to ban movies held their first open session ever, and approved a movie in which the hero commits suicide. Beijing also opened its first exhibit of nude paintings last week.

On the other hand, authorities recently have held book burnings in several cities, destroying Chinese books considered pornographic and illegal translations of books by American authors Irving Wallace and Jacqueline Susann, known for their

steamy novels.

The China News Service said *Widows' Village* opened in major theatres in the southern city of Canton after a one-day preview that was sold out. The film was made jointly by the Pearl River Movie Studio of Canton and the Hong Kong Silver City organisation.

China has no formal movie ratings system, although one has been proposed. The report quoted the director, Wang Jin, as saying the contents were not suitable for children. Few viewers brought their children, it said.

China under communism has been generally prudish about sex and scornful of sometimes graphic Western movies and books as encouraging crime and moral degeneration.

The censors recently have allowed greater frankness, however.

## Won

The 1987 movie *The Old Well*, which won international awards, depicted a love triangle and contained a passionate kissing scene. This year's *Red Sorghum*, which won an award at the West Berlin International Film festival, showed a woman being carried off with the implication that she was raped, but contained nothing explicit. It also showed a man urinating into a jug of wine.

The Ministry of Culture is drafting a law that would define what is permissible in art, and says this will free artists from the whims of individual censors. Many artists fear it also could freeze experimentation and liberalisation.

Although *Widows' Village* is the first Chinese film approved by communist officials that contains sex scenes, it won't be the first time some Chinese viewers have seen such scenes.

Foreign videos, many pirated, circulate widely in China's cities on a private basis. Chinese TV also has shown some Western programmes with love scenes that are more daring than what previously was allowed in the theatre.

Len Deighton is adapted for television

## Game, TV Set and Match

By Charles Spencer

BECAUSE his books have sold in large quantities at international airports, there are still people who fondly believe that Len Deighton is little more than a purveyor of pulp.

On several occasions, talking enthusiastically about what I believe to be his finest work, the *Game, Set & Match* trilogy, I've noticed the slight raising of the eyebrow, the just perceptible curling of the lip that say, "more eloquently than words." But Deighton just writes thrillers and war stories.

Well yes, I suppose he does, but few have written them better than Deighton and I suspect people will be reading, and re-reading, *Game, Set & Match* long after more fashionably hyped names on the literary pages have been forgotten.

## Espionage

Like John le Carré, Deighton has been in the espionage game for many years but while le Carré seems to have become increasingly caught up in arid complexity for its own sake, Deighton's work has grown in stature and command.

*Game, Set & Match* is told in the first person by his hero, the sardonic British agent, Bernard Samson. The ingeniously structured plot compels complete attention throughout the 350-odd pages that make up the omnibus edition, but it is much more than a tale of secret agents, moles and the cold war.

The theme of treachery and betrayal runs through the work like letters through a stick of rock, but the description of personal betrayal is just as important as the betrayal of national secrets that provides the ostensible subject of the narrative.

Now the three works which make up the trilogy — *Berlin Game*, *Mexico Set* and *London Match* — are getting the Granada treatment. The TV company which enjoyed such conspicuous success with *Bridehead Revisited* and *The Jewel in the Crown* has turned Bernard Samson's story into 13 hour-long episodes — the first time a major Deighton story has been adapted for TV.

The trilogy took a year to film, with a budget of £5 million.

Adapting so long and complex a work for television clearly presented formidable

Author Len Deighton (above) and actor Ian Holm, who plays Bernard Samson in *Game, Set & Match*.

problems, not least the restructuring of the story into 13 dramatically-shaped episodes. The series producer, Brian Armstrong, is unrepentant about the alterations to the original.

When he first discussed the project with Deighton, he warned that changes would have to be made for television and the author gave him a free hand. "I think we serve the books best by sticking to the spirit and that may occasionally mean breaking the letter," he says.

Location filming took place in both Mexico and West Berlin, and the East German guards took a keen interest in those sequences shot right on the border, photographing every member of the cast and crew.

Denied access to East Europe itself, Manchester and Bolton double convincingly as Eastern bloc settings.

German actors have been recruited to play the German roles, and like many big television productions, the series reveals the strength in depth of the British acting profession.

But the success of *Game, Set & Match* will ultimately depend on Ian Holm. The whole story

is seen through Samson's not necessarily reliable eyes, and Holm appears in 660 of the epic's 664 scenes.

He is unlikely casting for what is in many ways a romantic lead. Fifty-seven and short of stature, he is a far cry from the traditional image of the spy hero.

His performance, however, is excellent. Like Alec Guinness he manages to convey a great deal while appearing to do very little and he has the authority and presence to anchor such a lengthy series.

Holm's career has been an unusual one, for he is a spectacular victim of stage fright. For years he was one of the leading lights of the RSC and then, in the 70s, in the middle of a preview of *The Iceman Cometh*, he lost his nerve. He adopted a fetal position in his dressing room and cried "Go away!" when anyone approached him. "I went through the horrors of the damned," he says, "real bowel-ripping fear."

He hasn't set foot on a stage for the past nine years, distinguishing himself instead in film and television roles that have included *Chariots of Fire* and *J.M. Barrie in The Lost Boys*.

Holm brought his own trauma to bear on his portrayal of Samson. "Bernard Samson is very near to me, I identify with his anti-establishment attitudes and his fear. Fear is something I understand. There is a line when Samson says, 'All I want is to put my feet up at home and never have to be frightened again.' I know that feeling."

## Pleased

After 53 weeks of filming, during which he says he lived like a monk, the actor is clearly well pleased with the way the series has turned out, though apprehensive that, in the age of the zap button, people may lack the patience to stick with the story for long enough to become hooked on it. "But sod false humility, I think it's bloody good, it's a £5 million series and it shows."

The story of Bernard Samson is far from over. Deighton is now embarked on a second trilogy, *Hook, Line & Sinker*, the first volume of which, *Spy Hook*, is published by Hutchinson.

It will be intriguing to see if the author's chill view of East-West relations has altered, post-Gorbachev.

## High-flying promotion for Louis Gossett

By Jilly Weber

HUNKY actor Louis Gossett made cinema-goers shudder as the aggressive drill instructor in the award-winning film *An Officer and a Gentleman*. And now he has been promoted.

He won three awards for the film, including an Oscar for his stunning performance as Sergeant Foley. But in the high flying adventure movie *Iron Eagle II* he has shot up several ranks.

This time Louis Gossett plays Brigadier-General Charles Sinclair, or Chappy to his colleagues. And he is still hell-bent on ruling his men with an iron rod.

Louis has not always played such a high ranking officer. He was a colonel in the first *Iron Eagle* film and was even demoted to a posting at an air museum after upsetting the top brass. But in this new action-packed sequel he is back with a vengeance, leading a specially selected team of fighter pilots on a top secret mission.

## Determined

Chappy tries to make the American and Soviet fighter pilots set aside their mistrust of each other to work together as a team. Their mission is to destroy a nuclear missile site before an attack on the major cities of the two superpowers is launched.

Chappy is determined to whip into shape his men — and

Oscar-winner Louis Gossett made a big impression as the tough drill instructor sergeant in the film *An Officer and a Gentleman*. Now in *Iron Eagle II* he is a high-flyer, the brigadier-general in charge of a tricky American-Soviet fighter-plane operation.

one woman, the beautiful Valeri Zuyeniko, played by Sharon Brandon. But co-operation fails — with the exception of "co-operation" between Valeri and hotshot pilot Captain Matt Cooper, played by new young actor Mark Humphrey.

The plan seems doomed to disaster, but at the eleventh hour the strike force discover their mission was designed to fail by the stubborn General Stillmore, and they shape up to become a powerful team.

Louis Gossett says: "The timing of the film is excellent with detente back in the headlines again. In my opinion detente between ourselves and the Soviets should always be in the headlines. Peace can only be achieved if people learn to communicate, and that's the challenge of my character in this film."

"It's a wonderful opportunity to take an established character and develop him further. In this second film Chappy is more mature, wiser,

older. He is a hero and he is black.

"He's a fiercely determined leader on a dangerous mission and he has to overcome tough odds to succeed. *Iron Eagle II* is a positive film with maximum action and minimum violence. It's very much a people film and I'm excited about it."

## Accomplished

Born and bred in Brooklyn, New York, Louis is an accomplished actor in film, television and the theatre. He won an Emmy award for his character in the TV drama *Roots* and later received the Donaldson award as Best Newcomer in the theatre.

His film credits include *The River Niger*, *The Landlord* and *White Dawn*, but it was his role as a drug-dealing cutthroat stalking Nick Nolte and Jacqueline Bisset in the hit film *The Deep* which launched him into the public eye.

Louis plays opposite Mark Humphrey, who plays the hot-shot flyer Cooper, and Stuart

Louis Gossett Jr., as Brigadier-General Charles 'Chappy' Sinclair in the film *Iron Eagle II*.

Margolin as General Stillmore. Young, handsome and athletic, Mark Humphrey gives his role the toughness of a man determined to succeed against all odds. His only friend was killed during a wild jet dogfight with the Soviets. Now Cooper is expected to do the impossible — co-operate with the Russians.

Stuart Margolin is best known for his long-standing role as Angel in the hit series *The Rockford Files* and has also appeared in the TV series *The Fall Guy* and *Magnum P.I.*

## Range

Working on *Iron Eagle II* gave Lou Gossett and other members of the cast the chance to fly in a whole range of fighter planes.

Louis says: "The F-16s we used were awesome. You can rocket through the clouds at around 1,320 miles per hour."

There are many breath-taking aerial scenes in the film, set up by director Sidney Furie and film-makers Clay Lacy and

Kevin Elders. Clay Lacy says: "Without a doubt, the air-to-air scenes are the most exciting I have ever filmed."

And Sidney Furie reveals: "When the fighter powered up for take-off the ground trembled, the engine blasts were deafening, the smell of aircraft fuel choked the air and I could feel the adrenalin pumping through my veins."

Keeping calm while flying the fighter aircraft was of prime importance, as screenplay writer Kevin Elders reveals: "At 20,000 feet we joined the other fighters, switched on the cameras and went pure vertical — full blast into one hell of a gut-wrenching dogfight."

The film has everything — drama, suspense, romance and high-flying adventure all rolled into one.

Producer of this aerial extravaganza Jacob Kotzky says: "The picture has all the right elements — a top director, an Oscar-winning actor, an exceptionally good story and amazing scenes of fighter planes in action."

Louis Gossett breaks up a fight between two airmen in *Iron Eagle II*.



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## Row erupts as batsman run out after collision

SYDNEY, Jan 6. (Reuters): New South Wales were booed and jeered after a run-out incident involving young South Australian batsman Darren Lehmann in the Sheffield Shield cricket match in Adelaide today.

The incident overshadowed an innings of 119 not out in six hours by opener Andrew Hilditch which took South Australia to 272 for four at the close of the first day.

Lehmann, 18, in his first match for South Australia at Adelaide Oval, had made 51 from 54 balls when he tripped in mid-pitch after accidentally tangling with Test fast bowler Geoff Lawson.

The ball was returned to New South Wales wicketkeeper and captain Greg Dyer and Lawson's appeal was upheld after the umpires conferred with the players.

New South Wales were booed and abused as they went off at tea and South Australian coach Barry Richards said: "I was surprised when Lehmann wasn't recalled."

**Failed**  
"I would have been very disappointed if David Hookes (the South Australian captain) failed to recall a player if the same thing happened to an opposition batsman."

Dyer said: "I asked Lawson if he was going for the ball and he said he was, and I couldn't overturn the decision of the umpire unless there was some wrong-doing."

"I was appalled at the way some of the crowd in the members' stand carried on. They obviously didn't understand the incident."

Lawson, in his first match since his jaw was broken in the second Test against West Indies a month ago, took one for 59 from 109 overs.

In Devonport, Queensland recovered from 121 for four to 248 for five on the first day of their match against Tasmania.

Trevor Bardsley made 66 and shared an opening stand of 67 with newcomer Jeff Walker but the most exciting batting came at the end of the day when the last hour produced 38 runs from Brett Henschel (61), Stuart Law and Trevor Hollins.

## Soviets beat Canada for world title

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan 6. (Reuters): Alexander Mogilny scored three spectacular goals in the second period to help the Soviet Union romp past Canada 7-2 on Wednesday to win the gold medal at the World Junior Ice Hockey Championship.

The Soviets needed victory over Canada in the final game of the tournament to claim their eighth crown in 13 junior championships, and Mogilny provided all the firepower needed.

Sweden clinched second place with a 3-1 victory over the United States, while Czechoslovakia beat Finland 7-2 to finish third. Canada's defeat knocked them out of the medals and into fourth place.

**Going**  
The Soviet Union and Sweden both finished with 6-1 records with first place going to the Russians on the basis of their 3-2 victory over Sweden.

The Soviets and Canadians were tied 1-1 after the first period but then Mogilny went to work. He scored 20 seconds after the opening faceoff and added his sixth and seventh goals of the tournament before the 10-minute mark as the Soviets took a commanding 6-2 lead after two periods.

## Isostar edge past Goodyear



The players with the organisers before the start of the game.

ISOSTAR beat Goodyear by six runs in a match played to inaugurate the new YMCA Cricket Ground, opposite the Ahmad Governorate, on Sunday.

Isostar batted first and put on 120 for the loss of eight wickets in the 20 allotted overs. Arun was the top scorer with 33 while Robin and Hafiz scored 25 runs each.

## QADIR TO PLAY FOR PAKISTAN IN KEY ONE-DAY GAMES

# Australia overcome West Indies

MELBOURNE, Jan 6. (Reuters): Australia beat the West Indies for the first time this season yesterday when they won by eight runs in a heart-stopping World Series Cup one-day match.

In a day-night game in front of 66,000 spectators at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Australia scored 226 all out and then restricted West Indies to 218 for eight.

The match was reduced to 48 overs from 50 because of a short break for rain.

It was Australia's first win against the West Indies in a one-day game in Melbourne and followed successive defeats in the first three meetings of the five-match series.

But Australia twice nearly threw their victory away.

First, after reaching 202 for three, they lost their last seven wickets for 24 runs to set West Indies a target of 227 at 4.73 an over.

**Thrilling**  
Then, having reduced them to 127 for four after 31 overs, they twice dropped Viv Richards in the deep as the West Indies captain inspired a thrilling fightback with some huge hitting.

Richards, who came to the wicket at 113 for three, survived a total of six chances through a mixture of poor fielding and doubtful umpiring to take his side to within 25 runs of victory with under three overs to go.

But he tried one big hit too many and Geoff Marsh caught him on the run at long on to dismiss him for 48 and put an end to West Indies' hopes of a sixth successive WSC victory.

Rain led to the match being reduced to 49 overs during the Australian innings.

After the Australians were dismissed in 47.4 overs, the umpires trimmed a further over from the number to be faced by West Indies.



W. Indies bowler Winston Benjamin falls on the ground after colliding with Dean Jones. (Reuters wirephoto)

Steve Waugh was named Man of the Match for his aggressive batting and one of the finest catches seen here for many years.

Roger Harper, the last recognised batsman, and Richards had put on 29 for the sixth wicket when Harper straight drove a delivery from Craig McDermott.

Waugh, standing inside the fielding circle, turned and raced back 30 metres, avoided a collision with substitute Merv Hughes and the sidescreen, and took the catch over his shoulder centimetres from the boundary fence.

In Australia's innings, Dean Jones and Geoff Marsh put on 80 for the second wicket before Jones was lbw to Viv Richards for 43 when sweeping. Then Marsh was run out for 52 to bring together Graeme Wood and Waugh.

Waugh hit 34 from 24 balls with some inventive strokes, including 14 off an over from

Richards, to help Australia sustain their momentum. He put on 58 with Wood.

He helped take 10 off an over from Curtly Ambrose, who had conceded just one run in the last four overs of his first spell, before the West Indian paceman deceived him with a slower ball.

Off the next ball, Wood was caught smartly by Carl Hooper off Ian Bishop for 39 and the collapse began.

Simon O'Donnell, afforded a standing ovation on his international return to his home ground after 11s recovery from cancer, was run out for one, a late suffered by Allan Border soon afterwards. Border scored 13.

Ambrose, who finished with three for 26, and Ian Bishop, three for 20, mopped up the tail as Australia appeared to have wasted their opportunity to set West Indies a formidable task.

West Indies started badly by losing openers Gordon Green-

idge and Desmond Haynes with just 21 on the board, Haynes departing first ball.

Richie Richardson and Jeff Dujon restored stability, adding 92 for the third wicket with steady scoring especially against Waugh and fellow medium-pacer O'Donnell.

Richardson reached his 50 off 62 balls, profiting from a missed stumping chance as he threatened to wrest control of the match from Australia.

A double bowling change saw Australian captain Border pick up Dujon for 39 and Taylor claim Richardson for 63, both caught and bowled.

Richards never hit top form, but realised his luck was in when David Boon dropped him at deep midwicket and a clear catch behind was not given by the umpire in the same over from Waugh.

Richards was also given the benefit of the doubt for a run out, was dropped by Jones at deep mid-on and then saw Hughes and Taylor fail to hold difficult chances.

### Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	
G. Marsh run out	52
D. Boon b Ambrose	39
D. Jones lbw b Richards	43
G. Wood c Hooper b Bishop	39
S. Waugh b Ambrose	34
S. O'Donnell run out	1
A. Border run out	13
I. Healy b Ambrose	1
F. Taylor c Dujon b Bishop	7
C. McDermott not out	1
T. Alderman b Bishop	0
Extras (b-3 lb-11 nb-4 w-6)	26
Total (all out - 47.4 overs)	226
Fall of wickets: 1-26 2-106 3-144 4-202 5-262 6-287 7-312 8-320 9-326	
Bowling: Ambrose 9-2-26-3 (1w), Bishop 9-4-58-3 (4w, 2w), Walsh 10-0-30-4, Benjamin 6-0-35-0 (3w), Harper 8-0-42-8 (2w), Richards 5-0-29-1	
WEST INDIES	
G. Greenidge b McDermott	11
D. Haynes c Border b Alderman	0

R. Richardson c and b Taylor	63
J. Dujon c and b Border	39
V. Richards c Marsh b Alderman	48
C. Hooper c McDermott b Taylor	14
R. Harper c Waugh b McDermott	15
C. Ambrose not out	7
W. Benjamin b Alderman	7
I. Bishop not out	4
Extras (b-9 w-1)	10
Total (for eight wickets)	218
Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-21 3-113 4-127 5-160 6-189 7-202 8-213	
Did not bat: C. Walsh	
Bowling: Alderman 9-1-30-3, McDermott 8-0-54-2, O'Donnell 8-0-35-4, Waugh 10-0-36-0, Taylor 10-0-36-2 (1w), Border 3-0-18-1	

Meanwhile Pakistan's Abdul Qadir, the first spinner to take 100 wickets in one-day international cricket, will play in the two vital World Series Cup one-day matches against West Indies and Australia this weekend.

Wrist-spinner Qadir missed Pakistan's last two WSC matches after straining back muscles but was passed fit today to play in Brisbane.

Batsman Mudassar Nazar, however, remains doubtful with a side strain which has restricted him to playing in only four of the 11 tour matches still giving problems.

The tourists' hopes that left-arm pace bowler Saleem Jaffer would arrive in Australia before the weekend after responding to an emergency call have been dashed. Jaffer is now not expected to arrive before Tuesday.

Pakistan play West Indies tomorrow and Australia on Sunday. Australia's victory over West Indies means they have four points from five games, two more than Pakistan. Australia and Pakistan have three preliminary games left.

West Indies have already reached the three-match final and their captain Viv Richards needs just two runs to become the first batsman to score 6,000 runs in one-day internationals.



Sabine takes a breather during the sixth timed stage of the Paris-Dakar Rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Peugeot dominate Paris-Dakar Rally

PARIS, Jan 6. (Reuters): Peugeot underlined their dominance of the Paris-Dakar Rally yesterday by taking the first four places in the seventh timed stage between the Niger towns of Agadez and Tahoua.

Finland's Ari Vatanen won the 325-km stage, followed by Peugeot teammates Philippe Wamberegue of France, Jacky Ickx of Belgium and Guy Frequel of France.

The change of terrain from shifting dunes to more stable scrub gave drivers a relatively easier ride, and organiser Gilbert Sabine told French television all competitors lost during the desert stages had now been located and were safe.

"No-one is lost any more. We spotted the last missing competitor this morning. They are all safe," he said.

Belgium Mitsubishi driver Guy Cousol dropped out of the race with engine problems.

Provisional results for seventh timed stage from Agadez to Tahoua over 325 km (results calculated by subtracting competitors' times from a time set by competitors for the stage. Yesterday's set time was three hours.)

1. Ari Vatanen/Bruno Berglund (Finland) Peugeot 36 minutes 28 seconds;

2. Philippe Wamberegue/Alain Guehenne (France) Peugeot one min 29 secs behind;

3. Jacky Ickx/Christian Tarin (Belgium) Peugeot 1:53;

4. Guy Frequel/Fenouil (France) Peugeot 6:12;

5. Kenjiro Shinomura/Henri Manna (Japan/France) Mitsubishi 10:56;

6. Jean Gabreau/Alain Gabbay (France) Toyota 11:08.

Provisional overall standings:

1. Ickx/Tarin 11 hours 36 minutes 58 seconds;

2. Vatanen/Berglund 21 mins 11 secs behind;

3. Patrick Tambay/Dominique Lemoine (France) Mitsubishi 1:49:39;

4. K. Tijsterman/M. Tijsterman (Netherlands) Mitsubishi 3:49:09;

5. Gerard Sarrazin/Gerard Trouble (France) Toyota 4:39:21;

6. Jean-Pierre Fontenay/Bruno Musmar (France) Mitsubishi 4:43:25.

## Cavaliers take Bulls to task

RICHFIELD, Ohio, Jan 6. (AP): Ron Harper scored seven straight points to break a 90-90 tie late in the fourth quarter last night and lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to their 10th straight victory, 103-98 over the Chicago Bulls.

Cleveland, 23-5, extended its franchise record for consecutive victories in a single season. It also matched the team record for consecutive victories set over two seasons (1977-78 and 1978-79).

The Cavaliers' Craig Ehlo neutralised Chicago's Michael Jordan in the fourth quarter, limiting Jordan to two points in the period until Jordan made a 3-point shot with 28 seconds to go.

Jordan finished with 32 points, 20 of them in the first half.

In other National Basketball Association games last night, San Antonio defeated Philadelphia 119-104; Seattle whipped Sacramento 120-106; and Denver edged Golden State 131-129.

**Spurs 119, 76ers 104**  
Rookie... Willie Anderson scored a career-high 36 points as the San Antonio Spurs handed the Philadelphia 76ers their fourth straight loss, 119-104.

Anderson, who hit 18 of 26 shots, scored 10 of his points in the first 5:22 of the third period. Then, after Philadelphia took the lead 70-69, the Spurs scored

seven straight points, taking the lead for good at 76-70.

Charles Barkley led Philadelphia with 23 points, while Mike Gminski had 22.

**Sonic 120, Kings 106**

Dale Ellis scored a career-high 49 points, including the first two baskets of Seattle's nine consecutive field goals without a miss in the fourth quarter, and the Sonics won their ninth consecutive game at home, 120-106 over Sacramento. The Sonics out-scored the Kings 34-20 in the final period, which started with the game tied 86-86.

Jim Petersen led the Kings with 23 points.

## Piggott wins Irish award

DUBLIN, Jan 6. (Reuters): British jockey Lester Piggott, imprisoned for a year for income tax evasion, has been given a top Irish racing industry award but can not collect it personally because of British parole regulations.

Piggott, released from prison last year after serving one year of a three-year sentence, was nominated by the Irish Bloodstock Breeders Association for their first 'Hall of Fame' award.

But British parole regulations prevent his travelling over to accept the award and his daughter Tracy, working at the stable of Irish trainer Tommy Stack, will receive it on his behalf.

## Johnson should be banned for life, says Thompson

LONDON, Jan 6. (Agencies): Former world decathlon champion Daley Thompson says Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson should be banned for life for testing positive for steroid use at last year's Olympics.

"I hope the authorities make sure that Ben Johnson can never run again because of the damage he has done to the sport," Thompson, the British Olympic decathlon champion in 1980-84, said in a magazine interview published Wednesday.

Thompson, the 1983 world decathlon champion, also said that drugs and commercialism had so tainted track and field that he would not want to see his infant daughter enter the sport as she grows up.

"Until we ban people for life we are not taking the problem seriously enough. I really think

many of us don't have the best interests of the sport at heart — and that's indefensible because we are supposed to be the moral guardians of the sport," he added.

Meanwhile, a doctor has said that Johnson could have taken the drugs which cost him his Olympic gold medal only a few days before the 100 metres final.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission member Dr Arnold Beckett said in an interview on Wednesday that Johnson could have taken anabolic steroids during the first week of September's Seoul Games.

Johnson beat American rival Carl Lewis in Seoul to win the 100 metres title. But the Canadian returned home in disgrace after being stripped of the gold.

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## QATAR TAME JORDAN IN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

## Kuwait beat Pakistan in opener

ISLAMABAD, Jan 6, (Agencies): Kuwait started their campaign for a place in the 1990 World Cup finals with a 1-0 victory over Pakistan in their West Asian Group Three qualifying match here today.

Kuwait defied a wet ground and a vocal Pakistani crowd to emerge victorious through a goal by left winger Abdulaziz Al Hajri in the 5th minute of the first half.

## Control

Kuwait, which reached the 1982 World Cup finals, seemed to have control of the game in the initial stages but the highly underrated Pakistanis proved themselves equal to the Kuwaitis after conceding the only goal of the match.

The visitors were inhibited from showing the full force of their skills by the soggy ground as it had been raining here for the past two days. The match had been in doubt until this morning but the clouds finally cleared and the game went ahead.

Kuwait now meet United Arab Emirates in their next qualifier on Friday, Jan 13.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the chairman of the Kuwait Football Association, said that his team was not used to playing in raining conditions. He said before the start of the game that Pakistan had a distinct advantage over the Kuwaitis. This was because the Pakistanis were playing in front of a home crowd and also that they were used to playing in such



The Kuwaiti team with Sheikh Fahd (4th left) and the Pakistani Ambassador to Kuwait Zahid Saeed (5th left) at the Kuwait Airport before leaving for Islamabad on Thursday. (Photo by Mohammed Bedaq)

conditions.

Sheikh Fahd added that the team which played against Pakistan was the same that had beaten Iraq in Baghdad recently. The team, which was revamped after it failed to reach the semifinals of the Asian Cup in Qatar in Dec, is being trained by a Brazilian coach.

Sheikh Fahd said that the team would also start preparing for the Islamic Football Tournament, scheduled for March.

The KFA chairman, who is also the president of the Olympic Council of Asia, added that he invited 45 Muslim countries to the March 8 event and he hoped that out of these 42 will take part in the tournament.

Sheikh Ahmed Al Sabah, a member of KFA and also the chairman of the training committee, was in the 44-member contingent which arrived here last night.

The team, which arrived here

by a special plane, were met at the airport by Kuwait's Ambassador to Pakistan, Wasim Omar Al Yaqout.

In Doha, Qatar beat Jordan 1-0 today in another qualifier for World Cup.

The lone goal was scored by Mahmoud Soufi in the 21st minute with a header off a cross by Jumaa Salem.

Both sides played a strong attacking game in the first half, but the home side successfully

held off the Jordan strikers' thrusts to score.

Qatar will play its second Asia Group One match Jan 13 against Oman in Muscat.

And in Muscat, Oman held Iraq to a surprise 1-1 draw at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

## Failed

Iraq, who played in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, fielded an experienced team against Oman's youthful new side, but failed to penetrate their goal-crowding tactics.

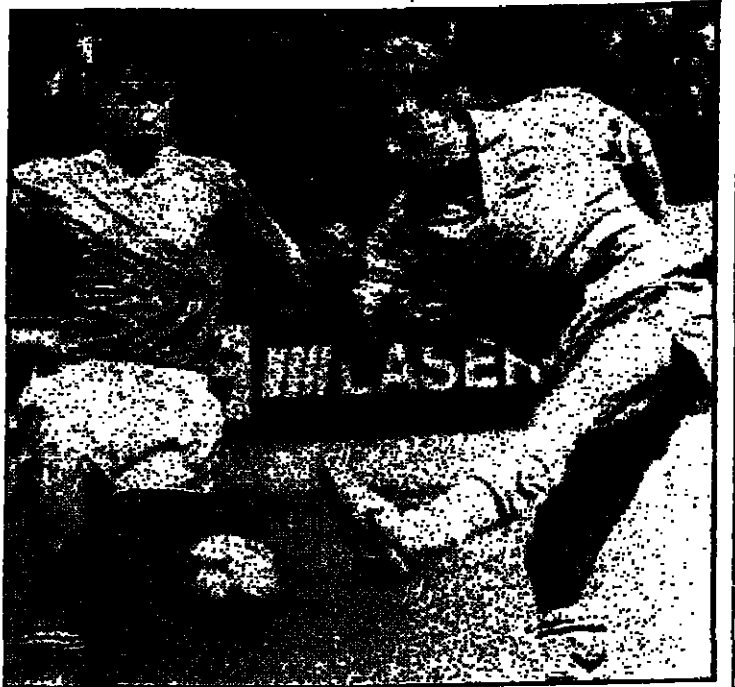
The Gulf Cup champions started strongly, keeping the ball in the Oman half. In the 18th, a mix-up between Oman skipper Salem Mansour and another defender, Faraj Farash, left the ball in front of Ismail Sharif who prodded in a goal to put Iraq ahead 1-0.

The equaliser came in the 37th from Ahmed Khamis with a spectacular header off an Aziz Naseeb cross.

Playing without star defender Taleb Hilal, who is suffering from a back injury, Oman managed to hold down Iraqi strikers Ahmed Radi and Hussain Mohammed and push the game back into midfield.

Oman has dropped almost all its experienced players after the Gulf Cup in March last year. Its West German coach, Karl Heinz Heddergott has picked young players to build a team for the future.

## Dutch score twice in final nine minutes to overcome Danes



Kurt Joergensen (right) of Denmark shoots the ball past Jeffrey Forrester of the Netherlands. (Reuter wirephoto)

AMSTERDAM, Jan 6, (Reuter): Goals by Andre

Tielsens and Vic Hermans in the final nine minutes gave the Netherlands, one of the favourites, a 4-2 win over Denmark on the opening day of the inaugural World Five-a-side Soccer Championship yesterday.

Paraguay thrashed Algeria 5-0, four of their goals coming in the first half, in the other Group A match in Rotterdam.

Francisco Javier Alcaraz Leguizamon and Jose Asuncion Sanchez Rodriguez each scored twice for the Paraguayans.

Two goals, one in each half, by Mario Faber for the Dutch were cancelled out by strikes Lars Olsen and Kurt Joergensen (penalty). But the hosts finished stronger with Tielsens scoring in the 41st minute and Hermans in the last minute.

The tournament is being staged in five Dutch cities and involves teams from Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Spain, the United States and Zimbabwe.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Egypt triumph

CAIRO, Jan 6, (Reuter): Egypt's soccer team beat Liberia 2-0 today in its first qualifying match for the 1990 World Cup in African Group B.

## Eclipse award

NEW YORK, Jan 6, (Reuter): All-time money earner Alysheba, Personal Ensign and Miesque were among the winners as the Thoroughbred Racing Associations (TRA) announced Eclipse award winners on Wednesday.

## Wales captain

LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuter): Wales rugby union captain Jonathan Davies has turned professional with English Rugby League club Widnes for what is believed to be a world record fee.

## Srebrer loses

WELLINGTON, Jan 6, (Reuter): Bitter second-seeded Milan Srebrer of Czechoslovakia said he was looking for the first place out of Wellington after he was knocked out of the \$145,000 Grand Prix tennis tournament today. He lost to Kelly Evernden of New Zealand 6-3 6-2.

## Soviet athletes

MOSCOW, Jan 6, (UPI): Soviet sports officials disciplined a total of 290 potential Olympic athletes and coaches for drug use in the three years running up to last year's Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, a Soviet newspaper said yesterday.

## Viv Richards

LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuter): English county Yorkshire, who have had a rigid policy of signing only players born inside their own boundaries, yesterday decided not to recruit West Indies cricket captain Viv Richards.

## David Graveney

LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuter): Left-arm spinner David Graveney signed a new two-year contract with Gloucestershire yesterday, despite having been sacked as captain of the English county cricket club last season.

## Top boxer

CARACAS, Jan 6, (Reuter): The World Boxing Association (WBA) named junior heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield its Boxer of the Year in the United States.

## Olsson quits

STOCKHOLM, Jan 6, (Reuter): Sweden's Davis Cup captain Hans Olsson said on Wednesday he was resigning to concentrate on his teaching career.

## British star

SAN DIEGO, Jan 6, (AP): The attorney for former British star star David Jenkins says he plans to ask a federal judge to reduce his client's seven-year prison term for steroid smuggling.

## Test drive

MARANELLO, Italy, Jan 6, (Reuter): British racing driver Nigel Mansell made a first test drive of the new Ferrari Formula One car on Wednesday and said it would be very competitive after a few adjustments.

## Lupe Aquino

LOS ANGELES, Jan 6, (AP): Former world boxing champion Lupe Aquino, who was arrested in Detroit shortly after losing a title fight, has been ordered to stand trial on vehicular manslaughter and drunken driving charges.

## Top weightlifter

BUDAPEST, Jan 6, (Reuter): Naim Suleymanoglu, who broke six world records in Seoul on his way to winning Turkey's first Olympic gold medal for 20 years, has been voted Weightlifter of 1988 in a poll organised by World Weightlifting magazine.

## Vacant title

NEW YORK, Jan 6, (Reuter): American Mark Breland will fight Seung Soon Lee of South Korea for the suddenly-vacant World Boxing Association (WBA) title on Feb 4 in Las Vegas, promoters announced yesterday. Breland, the number one contender, had been slated to fight champion Tomas Molinares but the Colombian relinquished his crown yesterday.

## Said Aouita

PARIS, Jan 6, (Reuter): Morocco's world record holder Said Aouita will not make a projected appearance at an athletics meeting in Lievin, northern France, this month because his fee was too high, an organiser said on Wednesday.

## Downhill race

LAAX, Switzerland, Jan 6, (AP): Veteran skier Leonhard Stock upset the favourites in a World Cup downhill today to win his first race since the 1980 Winter Olympics, leading an Austrian triple sweep on an icy, challenging hill.

## Villa in danger of shock Cup exit

LONDON, Jan 6, (Reuter): Former European Cup holders Aston Villa face the threat of an ignominious defeat tomorrow when they travel to meet Fourth Division leaders Crewe Alexandra in one of the most romantic fixtures of the third round of the English Football Association (FA) Cup.

Villa, who share the record of seven FA Cup titles, lifted the premier trophy in European club soccer in 1982. But languishing 16th in the First Division, they are hardly in peak form for a tie typical of the 'giantkilling' round of the tournament.

Crewe, by contrast, have lost only four of 22 League matches this season and are full of confidence for a clash which will be a strenuous test of character for their aristocratic visitors.

"Crewe is a club which has not had any high spots," said manager Dario Gradi, who helped the team escape a financial crisis last season. "Promotion would

be great, but we are not over confident. There are not many points going spare in the Fourth Division.

"The Cup is another thing, though, and we shall be giving it our best shot."

One man Crewe will be particularly keen to stop from scoring is striker David Platt, sold by Crewe to Villa last year to help keep the club alive.

## Confident

Gradi said: "David has done well since he has moved. He is more assured and more confident. I was sorry we had to sell him."

Aston Villa are not the only First Division side in danger. Holders Wimbledon, buoyed by four successive wins, face a tricky visit to Second Division Birmingham and League champions Liverpool, beaten by Wimbledon in last year's final, travel to Fourth Division Carlisle.

Liverpool have been installed

as favourite to win the Cup for the fourth time and it would be a major shock if they failed to overcome their lowly opponents at the first attempt.

Coventry, winners of the Cup in 1987, face another dangerous mission into the unknown, against provincial League club Sutton in the suburbs of south London. Only a clear victory will satisfy the ambitions of their fans.

With First Division leaders Arsenal not going to West Ham for the top clash of the round until Sunday, when Norwich visit Port Vale, there are only three all-First Division clashes among tomorrow's 30 ties.

These seventh-placed Derby at home to out-of-form Southampton, inconsistent Manchester United against Queen's Park Rangers and third-placed Millwall entertaining Luton.

Paul McGrath will continue his comeback for Manchester

United. The Irish international defender made his first appearance in three months, following knee surgery, when he came on as a substitute against Liverpool last Sunday.

The top ties, however, could be those between Second and First Division teams with Second Division leaders West Brom meeting sixth-placed Everton in arguably the outstanding match. Everton, with Scottish international striker Graeme Sharp recovering from a hernia operation, are hoping Wayne Clarke, who has missed four games with an ankle injury, recovers in time to play.

## Beaten

Another entertaining clash is likely at Bradford where much-improved Tottenham, who were beaten at Third Division Port Vale last season, are the visitors.

Tottenham could be without England midfielder Paul Gascoigne, who is struggling to shake off an ankle injury.

## Woodforde beats Ivanisevic

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 6, (Reuter): Defending champion Mark Woodforde had barely recovered from the previous night's battle with Soviet player Andrei Cherkasov when he notched up another win at the South Australian Tennis Open early today.

Woodforde was still stiff and sore from his hard-won victory against Cherkasov but he beat Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic 7-5 3-6 6-2 in today's first match on the centre court to reach the semifinals.

"It was a bit of a shock to come up here in the morning and play in the heat of the day," said the fourth-seeded Australian, who had expected to play this evening. "It was difficult to keep the concentration going."

The win ended the good fortune of lucky loser Ivanisevic who failed to make it through the qualifying round but replaced absent Frenchman Jerome Potier.

Top US junior Peter Sampras was ousted from the quarterfinals by unpredictable Russian

Alexander Volkov, ranked 79th in the world.

Volkov's unorthodox style of play baffled 17-year-old Sampras who was beaten 2-6 6-1 6-4.

Little-known Finn Veli Paloheimo, who turned professional only six months ago, upset Australian fifth seed Wally Masur 6-4 4-6 6-3 in a thrilling quarterfinal.

In the semifinals Paloheimo will play Patrick Kuhnert, a member of the West German squad which won the Davis Cup last month.



## Schneider wins again

SCHWARZENBERG, Austria, Jan 6, (AP): Switzerland's Vreni Schneider today took her third World Cup giant slalom victory this season despite feeling under the weather, finishing ahead of Austria's Ulrike Maier and her Swiss teammate Marie Walliser.

It was Schneider's seventh World Cup victory this season. The 24-year-old skier won with an aggregate time of 2:22.24, 0.99 seconds ahead of Maier. Walliser was third with an aggregate time of 2:23.85.

Fourth was Mateja Svet with 2:24.11, 0.03 seconds ahead of Canada's Karen Percy who came in fifth after finishing a surprise second in the first heat.

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## Sukova edges Tanvier for semifinals



Sukova: to meet Fendick

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 6, (Reuter): Top seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia overcame the spirited but inadequate challenge of Catherine Tanvier to reach the semifinals of the Australian women's hardcourt championship today.

Sukova won 6-4 6-4 against the unseeded French right-hander whose tenacity was most evident when she saved seven set points in the first set before netting a backhand to lose it.

Tanvier, broken in the fifth and seventh games of the first set, lost her serve again early in the second and Sukova relied on her heavy first serve to take her to victory.

Sukova now meets third-seeded Patty Fendick of the United States who beat injured Czechoslovak Janna Novotna 6-4 6-1.

The American had lost to Novotna in last year's semifinals here but made the most of her opponent's lack of power to gain revenge.

Novotna, who went to hospital for treatment of her injured right shoulder after the match, said she could serve only at 40 per cent of her normal power.

Australian Jenny Byrne, who has never before been beyond the third round in a major tournament, will play Brenda Shultz of the Netherlands in the other

semifinal.

Byrne could not believe it when she took the first set off fourth-seeded compatriot Anne Minter 6-0 and promptly lost the second. But the 21-year-old qualifier regained her composure to win 6-0 2-6 6-3.

Schultz, seeded ninth, beat 11th-seeded American Gretchen Magers 6-3 7-6.

## Results

Third round: Gretchen Magers, 11, US, defeated Nicole Provis, 6, Australia, 7-6 (6-2), 6-2.

Helena Sukova, 1, Czechoslovakia, defeated Diane Balesatrat, Australia, 3-5, 7-5, 6-2.

Catherine Tanvier, France, defeated Nathalie Herremann, France, 6-3, 6-0.

Jana Novotna, Czechoslovakia, defeated Catarina Lindqvist, 10, Sweden, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (6-3).

Patty Fendick, 3, US, defeated Rene Simpson, Canada, 6-1, 6-2.

Jenny Byrne, Australia, defeated Claudia Porwick, West Germany, 6-4, 6-1.

Fendick defeated Novotna 6-4, 6-1.

Byrne defeated Anne Minter, 4, Australia, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.

Brenda Shultz, Holland, defeated Magers 6-3, 7-6 (10-8).

Sukova defeated Tanvier 6-4, 6-4.

## Tyson escapes injury

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Jan 6, (UPI): Heavyweight Boxing Champion Mike Tyson and promoter Don King emerged smiling yesterday after he was involved in a minor auto accident on a busy street adjacent to a residential area.

Tyson, 22, and King were uninjured in the accident.

The mishap occurred as Tyson's assistant manager, Rory B. Holloway, was driving the champ's car and a car driven by Michael Credico, 24, attempted a lane change to avoid a stalled

vehicle. Credico drove into the path of Tyson's rented limousine, which struck the rear of Credico's vehicle. Credico was charged with making an unsafe lane change.

Tyson, who is training for his Feb 23 title defence against Britain's Frank Bruno at the Las Vegas Hilton, was unshaken by the mishap.

"He was giving out autographs and smiling and stuff like that," said metropolitan police officer Cliff Jackson, who investigated the accident.